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SOLONS TO ASSEMBLE ON CALL OF GOVERNOR

Special Session, to Begin January 5, Will Deal With Election Laws, and Normal Schools

REGISTRATION ACT TO BE CORRECTED

Four Days Should Suffice for Business, Says Johnson; Cost Should Be Not Above \$15,000

Governor Hiram Johnson this morning announced that he would issue a call for a special session of the Legislature within the next twenty-four hours. The Legislature will convene at 2 p. m. on January 5. What the governor calls the inextricable confusion of the election law, the necessity of discussing a plan for the preservation of the California building at the Exposition for a State Normal school, and the necessary passage of an additional act to provide for the continuance of the San Diego exposition, are given as the chief reasons for the call.

Governor Johnson declares that the members of the Legislature should be able to accomplish their work in four days and that the cost of the extra session should not exceed \$15,000.

REASONS FOR SESSION. Governor Johnson has been in San Francisco since he suffered a breakdown, the result of a cold contracted at the Exposition. From his residence here he issued the following statement today:

"Sound business judgment, as well as due regard for the orderly administration of the law, has compelled me to call an extra session.

"A plan of preservation for a portion of the recent great Exposition has met with the approval of the normal school trustees and various civic bodies of San Francisco and vicinity. By this plan, it is ascertained, some hundreds of thousands of dollars may be saved to the state and a structure at once beautiful and safe (and the present Normal school is neither) may be obtained.

"The election law is inextricable confusion. By an admitted violation of the law of the land, certain officials are endeavoring to present a workable scheme; and the exigencies of the case, it is claimed, have required county clerks to alter the law as it exists and themselves practically to enact a new law. This is a course, such a situation the state ought not to tolerate, and inasmuch as existing laws may be maintained as enacted and the purpose of the people as recently expressed at the polls cannot be carried out with little delay or difficulty by an extra session, the plain course of wisdom is to end the confusion by an extra session.

ECONOMY IN SPENDING. "Moreover, the San Diego exposition requires for its continuance an additional act, and the officials at the civic bodies of the southern

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Milk Delivered Only in Daylight

Yowling Tomcat Now Has No Rival

No more will the noise of heavy feet and the clatter and jangle of deposited milk bottles resound on the kitchen steps in Oakland. Daylight delivery is to be instituted with the new year.

A program for milk distribution during the hours of daylight has been agreed upon by the milk delivery association and the association of dealers in the city. As a result, most of the milk will be delivered from 8 until 5. While the agreement does not become effective until January 5, most of the dealers will start the new year with the resolution to disturb no more slumbers. The system of daylight milk service has been tried for some time in San Francisco and has recently been incorporated into an ordinance in Berkeley, where it has been found, it is said, to work to its advantage.

The greatest protest in Berkeley, until the innovation was thoroughly tested, came from young mothers who thought that an early morning delivery of milk was necessary to the welfare of their babies. A delegation formed to protest against the noise of the midnight wagons, however, so greatly outnumbered the young mothers that the law was passed.

Miss Marion Howell Is Injured in Runaway

Miss Marion Howell, prominent Piedmont society belle and whose engagement to James Gary was broken recently, was injured today by a runaway automobile. She was riding along Harrison street, when her horse suddenly became unmanageable. The horse dashed madly down the street and into an automobile owned by N. E. Donaldson of 354 East Fourteenth street, throwing Miss Howell head foremost to the pavement. She was taken to the emergency hospital, where it was found that she was suffering from a lacerated scalp and minor bruises.

Miss Howell's engagement to James Gary of Sonoma was broken several weeks ago and caused considerable excitement amongst the smart set of Piedmont, where she has been prominently identified.

Radicals Drive Out Canadian Socialist

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—Announcement was made here today that Charles O'Brien, former Socialist member of parliament in the Alberta legislature and one of the most widely known socialists in Canada, has withdrawn from the socialist party in Canada and joined the American Socialist organization. O'Brien spoke here last night.

O'Brien's action, it is said, is taken against what he termed "the revolutionary character of the socialist movement in Canada," who, he said, are ruining the movement in Canada.

Montenegrins Destroy Austrian Detachment

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Montenegrin official statement received here today follows: "On the Sandak front on the 29th we annihilated an enemy detachment, making 1500 prisoners. There also have been severe artillery and outpost combats. "On the southern front an Austrian attack in Boudich was repulsed. "The enemy succeeded in recapturing the village of Boudich. "We repulsed the enemy on the Lovcen front."

Youth Arrested for Murder of Family

NEW BOSTON, Tex., Dec. 31.—John Mayfield, a farmer living just north of here; his wife and their son, L. L. Mayfield, were killed at their home last night with an ax. The crime was discovered today and a younger son, W. J. Mayfield, has been arrested on a warrant charging him with murder.

BRITISH LOSE BIG BATTLESHIP IN HARBOR

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British armored cruiser Natal was sunk yesterday afternoon while in harbor as the result of an internal explosion. There are about 400 survivors. The ship was the most severe loss which the British navy has sustained in several months.

No British vessel of size has been damaged since last May, when the Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful man-of-war, was laid down eleven years ago and her displacement was only about one-half that of the largest British sea-fighters. The Natal's normal complement was 704 men. Her displacement was 2,550 tons. She was 450 feet long and 73 feet beam.

The Natal conveyed from Portsmouth the body of Whiteley Reid, American ambassador at London, after his death in 1912, remaining at New York for two weeks.

In accordance with its procedure of late the admiralty has given no indication as to the locality of the Natal disaster. The military regulations make it impossible to give this information to the public. The loss is generally attributed to foul play. In support of this theory attention is called to similar disasters which overtook the British battleship Bulwark, which was blown up off Sheerness in November of last year with the loss of 700 or more men, and the British steamship Princess Irene, blown up in Sheerness harbor last May with a loss of between 300 and 400 lives.

SEVEN KILLED IN RACE WAR IN SOUTH

BLAKELY, Ga., Dec. 31.—Excitement caused throughout this section by clashes between white possemen and negroes near here yesterday, in which seven negroes were killed and two whites seriously hurt, had not entirely died down today. Influential white citizens expressed the belief, however, that there would be no more trouble.

Five of the negroes were shot and killed and two others were burned to death, according to reports here. As a result of three pitched battles between the negroes and various bands of whites seeking to capture Grandison Goolsby, a negro farmer, and his

SUBMARINE COMMANDER PUNISHED

Complete Concession Is Granted American Demands

Danger of Diplomatic Break Considered Over

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The official text of Austria's Ancona note was received today at the state department. The work of translating from the diplomatic code will take several hours and arrangements for publication will be made later.

The reply came in sections. Secretary Lansing said that one section had been translated and that he expected the complete translation would be in his hands before night. Officials who had read the unofficial version of the reply received in press dispatches from London apparently were much gratified at its nature. Danger of a break of diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary was no longer considered imminent.

Count Bernstorff, German ambassador, called at the state department and conferred with Secretary Lansing nearly a half hour. The ambassador said he believed the news summary of the Austrian note was correct. He declined to comment upon his visit.

Later it was learned the German view is that Austria-Hungary had granted complete concessions to the American demands.

Secretary Lansing let it be known that he and the German ambassador had discussed the Lusitania controversy, but it was not indicated what had been the result. There have been assurances lately that the ambassador would be authorized by his government to present at the beginning of the new year proposals of settlement which would be acceptable to the United States.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Austrian reply to the second American note on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, with the loss of American lives, states that the commander of the Austrian submarine has been punished for not sufficiently taking account of the panic aboard the Ancona, which rendered disembarkation most difficult.

The Austrian note, while announcing the willingness of the Austro-Hungarian government to pay an indemnity for the American victims of the Ancona, declares that the government is not prepared to make any further concessions.

Prohibition Petition Is Completed in County

Alameda county today contributed 3302 names to the initiative petition for partial prohibition in California, to be voted on in November of the coming year.

The original petition was filed in Sacramento yesterday by Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan. It was found to lack 3411 names of the required number, and the time for filing would close with the end of the year 1915.

Those urging the fight against the liquor traffic immediately commenced a campaign to secure the additional number of names. This was done in Alameda county alone, although there were several other counties throughout the state where the list had not reached the capital at the time the shortage of names was discovered.

Serb-Italian Force Meets With Defeat

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Defeat of the Serbians, who apparently had been reinforced by Italians, after a three-day battle in central Albania, is reported by the Overseas News Agency, which says it received its information from French and Italian sources. The battle is said to have taken place between Elhasan and Mirat. The Serbians were well provided with ammunition and supplies, and had some light artillery, but no heavy guns.

"For three days," the news agency says, "infantry fire was violent. According to Italian reports, the Serbians were almost annihilated. The Bulgarians continue to advance."

British Trenches Are Entered by Germans

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The announcement from the war office today says that German troops after expelling mines, captured an advanced trench near Hulluch, taking two machine guns and a number of prisoners. Allied aviators made an attack on Ostend. No damage was done to military or civilian targets, but a number of buildings were destroyed. The heaviest damage is said to have been inflicted on the convent of the Sacred Heart. Nineteen Belgian civilians were wounded and one was killed.

Joe Murphy, Actor, Is Dead; Leaves Millions

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Joe Murphy, an old-time actor best known for his impersonation in Kerry Gow, died here today of pneumonia. He was 52 years old, and left an estate estimated at \$3,000,000. Murphy went to California in 1880 and was widely known among the early California pioneers.

BRITISH LOSS IS \$448

LONDON, Dec. 31.—British casualties recorded in lists published during December amount to 1091 officers and 17,548 men. They are the returns from all fronts.

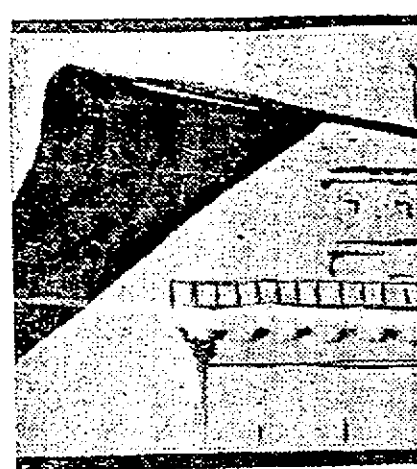
THROGS COME TO OAKLAND CITY CELEBRATION WILL BE GREATEST

Mirth and Jollity Will Greet New Year

Tonight's night. Already special trains and cars are bringing in their crowds for Oakland's celebration. A steady stream of automobiles came over the Boulevard today from neighboring cities. Contra Costa county has sent hundreds of visitors.

Tonight will see the biggest crowd of visitors assembled in Oakland. Tonight will see the biggest New Year's celebration ever held in the state.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the city hall will turn red. A dozen scintillators, operated by the experts who handled the lighting of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, will play on the building. From the top of the structure a



As the crowds watch, a great searchlight will play in the upturned faces, and behind it will be a motion picture camera, for Oakland's celebration is to go down into history as a "movie" record. The members of the Motion Picture Operators' Union will play these pictures on the walls of the Auditorium later in the evening. They arranged for the photographs and borrowed the big Hippodrome searchlight to make the photography possible.

Trains from as far north as Sacramento and as far south as Santa Cruz began coming in jammed with merry-makers. Thousands upon thousands of visitors are pouring in from Richmond, Martinez, Byron, Walnut Creek, Pittsburg, Niles, Livermore,

Hayward, San Leandro and other nearby communities. San Francisco will send "several thousand" revelers to the big "time" to be held on the

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OAKLAND TO BE ELECTRIC ROAD CENTER

Oakland will be made the electric railway center of the Pacific coast if the plans of officials and stock and bondholders of the Western Pacific Railroad Company, who are mapping out a refinancing plan for the big transcontinental road, are carried out. These plans, in a large way, mean the acquisition by the big road of the Oakland, Antioch and Eastern Railway, the California Railway, now owned by the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway; the Central California Traction Company, and the construction of a connecting electrical line to San Jose.

It became known today that these are among the plans being considered by the refinancing officials. Should these plans materialize, it means that many millions of dollars will be expended by the road right here in California, much of which will find their way into Oakland, and that this city will be the bay terminal of feeder roads which serve the richest valleys in the state.

The purchase of the line and franchise of the California Railway is practically assured in the event that the Oakland, Antioch and Eastern is

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"Tip" O'Neil, Famous Outfielder, Is Dead

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 31.—"Tip" O'Neil, famous old-time baseball player, died suddenly of heart disease on a street car here today.

The Tip O'Neil referred to in the above dispatch is not Norris L. O'Neil of Oakland, former pitcher of the Western League, but James O'Neil, famous outfielder of the early nineties, renowned for his hard-hitting ability. James O'Neil began as a pitcher with Detroit and played successfully with Detroit, the Metropolitan, St. Louis Browns, the Brotherhood and finally with Cincinnati.

Law School Dean Succeeds Osborne

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—George W. Kirby, dean of New York law school, former dean of the Columbia law school, was appointed today to succeed Thomas Mott Osborne, who resigned his position as dean of Sing Sing prison today. Kirby, 47, is a native of New York. He was a member of the New York bar and served as a judge of the New York Supreme Court. He was also a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.



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Galician Battle More Violent

Important Events Are Screened by Move

LONDON, Dec. 31.—While Vienna reports that the battles in Galicia are increasing in extent and violence, Russia maintains a mysterious reticence concerning her military operations there.

It seems certain, however, that extremely important events, the full significance of which are not yet officially disclosed, are occurring at the only point where Russian armies can bring any pressure to bear on the Balkan situation without actually crossing Rumanian territory.

Many reports reach here that the Austro-German and Bulgarian forces are not only abandoning all preparations for an advance in Macedonia, but are actually withdrawing troops from this point, their action being attributed to the Russian offensive in Bessarabia, but most of these dispatches bear the impress of the wish being father to the thought.

Active operations in the Near East are now centering in Albania, where the Serbian army is said to be suffering from harassing attacks, and the provisions of the law in that territory.

A historic meeting of the British cabinet at which the final draft of the compromise measure probably will be adopted is expected today. The bill, it is reported, will embody the following principle: Compulsion to be applied to all single men who fall to attest; for this purpose the machinery of the Earl of Derby's plan to be made statutory, and the provisions of the law to be enacted to apply only for the duration of the present war.

The labor conference on compulsion came to no decision as to its attitude, but a strong feeling of suspicion toward the reported cabinet solution of the problem is manifest.

FRENCH CHECK ATTACK

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The French war office statement today says: "In Champagne the enemy last night tried to capture by an attack with hand grenades a small observation post near hill No. 193. The attack failed completely. The night was relatively calm elsewhere."

BOY NEAR DEATH AFTER NIGHT IN HILL

After many hours in the Berkeley hills without food or shelter from the rigorous cold of last night, Clarence Williams, 11-year-old son of William Williams, a painting contractor, 5521 Tower street, is at the point of death today. He is under the care of physicians, who say that the boy's chances for recovery are small. He has been unconscious for several hours.

He was found unconscious at 6 o'clock this morning by Joe Modera, a farmer in the Berkeley hills, near the Contra Costa county line, who stumbled across the boy in a hole leading to his ranch house. The child, after wandering across the hills for many hours, had fallen in a faint, exhausted from cold and ex-

TRAPPED IN ROOM, MEN PERISH AS FIRE GAINS

Flames Prevent Rescue of Employees of the American Linseed Co. Plant in South Chicago

SIX BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

Fifteen Companies at the Scene and Several Firemen Are Reported Hurt by Falling Walls

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—An explosion of a naphtha tank at the plant of the American Linseed Company, in South Chicago, today caused the death of six employees and the injury to ten others according to police estimates late today.

Fred Miller, Michael Barnett, Michael McQuase, Matthew Colbuccher and two unidentified Austrians are missing and it is thought certain they were trapped by the flames.

The property loss was placed by the company officials at \$500,000.

After the explosion the flames spread rapidly and firemen were unable to enter the building where the men were believed to have been trapped. At the first alarm fifteen fire companies were sent to the plant because of the inflammable nature of the stock of the company. It was reported that several firemen had been caught beneath a falling wall and that many were injured.

More than one hundred men were working in the plant when the explosion occurred, according to officials of the company. The men who were believed to have been killed or seriously injured occupied a room close by the scene of the explosion and their escape was cut off by the flames.

So far it has been established that six employees are dead.

The company officials placed the dead at from fifteen to twenty. The inflammable nature of the products manufactured at the plant made the blaze difficult to fight.

All the fire engines in the district were rushed to the scene and tons of water were poured on the blaze by fire tugs in the Calumet river.

The first explosion was in what was known as the percolator building. The roof of the building was blown off and the flames spread to the main building.

ESTRANGED COUPLES ARE RECONCILED

The example set by John H. Spring, the Berkeley millionaire, and his wife, in coming reconciled and agreeing to forgive and forget, seems to have become contagious. A third couple, prominent in society, are said to be on the eve of a reconciliation and that in the face of the granting of a decree of divorce to the wife in the superior court today.

Mrs. Esther Quinlan Bowie, wife of Augustus Jesse Bowie Jr., electrical engineer and millionaire club man, was given a decree by Superior Judge Van Nostrand on an amended complaint submitted by her. From information received from reliable sources, however, it is learned that overtures have been made on both sides and for some unexplained reason the divorce was allowed to go through as programmed. Within the next few days the husband and wife will adjust their differences and agree to start life again together.

All of the harsh accusations brought by Mrs. Bowie against her husband were withdrawn with one slight exception in the true complaint filed today. In it she asks no alimony and no counsel fees and accuses Bowie of staying out late at night and one occasion of breaking into her home.

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Three Men Perish in Traverse Hotel Fire

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Dec. 31.—Three men were burned to death today here in a fire which practically destroyed the Farmers' Inn, the leading hotel in Traverse City.

GERMANS DENY REPORT. BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The report from Bucharest sent out by a British news agency that a German submarine had been lost in the Baltic is a "invention," the Overseas News Agency announced today.

COMPANY

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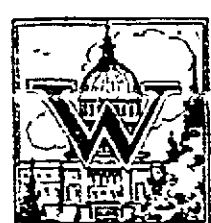
News of Men and Affairs at Washington

SUGGESTS U.S. RELINQUISH PHILIPPINES

Former Minister to Argentine Making Trade With Europe

Believes the Old World Should Give Up New World Colonies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Charles H. Sherrill, former United States minister to the Argentine, here last night, advanced the suggestion that the United States might strike some bargain with European nations and Japan whereby American possession of the Philippines would be relinquished if the old world nations would give up their remaining colonial possessions in the western hemisphere. Sherrill was elaborating upon the views which he expounded some time ago to the effect that the Monroe doctrine should be completed by having the United States purchase and set free all existing European colonies in the world, except Canada, which is already self-governing.



In last night's address at the banquet given by the Carnegie Foundation to the American Institute of International Law and other societies, Sherrill said that to make sure of a continuing peace on the Pacific the United States must act as, through the Monroe doctrine, it asked others to do. For nearly a century, he stated, the United States has preached to all the outside world against interference with the affairs of this hemisphere and peace on the Pacific could not be assured until Japan was convinced that what we preach on the Pacific shores of that ocean we are willing to practice on the western. He said:

INTERNATIONAL BOGEY. "There is no use disguising the fact that many Americans feel that we are and ought to be the natural protector of China against what they call Japanese aggression. Until we definitely exercise that international bogy we will never gain that complete confidence in Japan which will spell continued peace on the Pacific.

"The roots of this dangerous nonsense of our being the natural protector of China run back into the distant past, to the days when the New England ships traded so profitably with China and brought back stirring tales of the fabulous wealth of the Far East. The memory of those Chinese profits and the strong commercial possibilities persisted. But what are the cold facts? The foreign trade of Latin America is eighteen times greater than that of China and the foreign trade of Argentina alone almost equals that of China and Japan put together, and furthermore, it is increasing at a greater rate.

"But the chief cause of this 'national protector of China' nonsense is the very mistaken impression generally prevailing in our country concerning the 'open door' in China. It is to be hoped that we shall always maintain our treaty rights in China along with those of other nations, but those who still insist that we have an open door there which will give us special privileges are dreaming an ugly dream.

"And this brings us to our one most vexed problem—the Philippines and what to do with them. We hold these islands as the chance results of war and not because of a lust for territory or any desire for a foothold in the Orient, but what is the viewpoint of Japan? How would we feel if Japan came to us and asked us to give up the West Indian islands? Would it not affront the Monroe doctrine? Why then should we be good Pan-Americans only in the Caribbean sea and not ourselves practice the same Pan-Americanism in the Orient? It is but natural for the Japanese to wonder how we can continue persistently to object to foreign colonization in the western hemisphere while we are actually in possession of large colonies near the coast of Asia.

NOT BEING MET. "This Philippine problem is not at present being met in a way that is satisfactory to any of us. Why can't it be met so frankly that out of its very difficulties a valuable result can be evolved, just as from the Mexican imbroglio there emerged the Pan-American mediation machinery, of so great value to us and certain to prove more valuable in the future? Our possession of the Philippines does not true up to the fundamental ideas of the Monroe doctrine. But neither does the possession by Denmark, Holland, France and England of colonies in this hemisphere. Why not set one of these discordant facts against the other and trade the Philippine islands for all European possessions to the south of us and then turn the Guianas and British Honduras into free republics, return the Falkland islands to Argentina, and take under our flag the West Indian islands, so important to the defense of the Panama canal. Thus at one step would we eliminate Japanese distrust caused by our holding the Philippines, honorably release us from the responsibility for those islands, complete the protection from European entanglements initiated by Monroe's 'rotent against additional European colonization, and finally, free us from the military bases near the Panama canal.

"With all this completed we could all tranquilly turn our attention to developing the untouched resources of this hemisphere, the world's next great step forward."

Restore Kingdom of Israel, Jew's Plea

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A complete restoration of the ancient Kingdom of Israel will be the plea of the Jews of America at the end of the present war.

To this end a national convention of the Knights of Zion has been called to convene in Chicago's beginning Sunday afternoon for one week. The problem of uniting all of the Jews of the country and securing a representation in the council

Congressional ITEMS

The Zepplin is an active agent of warfare is defended by T. H. MacMahon, president of the Aeronautical Society. He says the impression that the Zepplin had been a military failure is the result of an attempt to distort the value of the air ship. He is building in England a Zepplin destroyer.

"Aeroplane fail to stop Zepplins," he said, "because of their high speed. This makes them worthless at night. The war has already furnished significant indications that the serious offensive action of larger air ships will not be the result of the night attack. I mean the launching of aerial torpedoes."

The damage done in England by raiding Zepplins had been much greater than was generally supposed, Mr. MacMahon said.

FAIRBANKS GETS HOOSIER OVATION

Indianapolis Indorses Him as a Nominee; Kentucky Support Pledged.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks was indorsed at a love feast here today as Indiana's choice for the Republican nomination for President, and at the same meeting, which filled to overflowing the largest theater in the state, Edwin P. Morrow pledged him the solid delegation from Kentucky in the national convention at Chicago next June.

Fairbanks was given a noisy ovation when he responded to an invitation to speak, after his name had been proposed for the presidential nomination by Edwin P. Morrow of Kentucky.

"The people have tried Democracy," said Fairbanks, "and Democracy has tried them. The result has been a re-baptized, re-united party of opposition. There is no divided Republicanism here—we are united, as of old."

His speech was brief, but he dealt vigorously with the leading questions. He urged the necessity of not only adequate national preparedness against hostile invasion, but also adequate national protection against industrial invasion. In suggesting a platform for the Republicans in 1916, Fairbanks said:

"We must maintain a foreign policy just and firm. We must make adequate preparation on land and sea for national defense measured by our national needs. We must adopt a protective tariff measure which shall safeguard our industries, supplement the resources of the public treasury and guard us against inundation at the end of the European war. We must proceed to adopt a broad, enlightened policy for extending American markets, particularly into the Orient and South America. We must put a great merchant marine on the seas which will give us a vast carrying trade into the markets of the world. Above all, there must be prosperity and high living standards for American workers."

REVENUE PLANS FACE COMMITTEE

Necessity of Raising Funds Is Felt: May Sell Canal Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The sale of Panama canal bonds, in addition to the income tax and a tax on inheritances, are three revenue producing plans now receiving the attention of the ways and means committee, which faces the necessity of raising money for the Panama canal.

Representative Cordell Hull, author of the income tax section of the Underwood law, was engaged today in an investigation of the merit of each suggestion.

"The Democrats may decide to sell Panama canal bonds, in spite of the President's hint that the country should pay as it goes in providing for a national defense, was admitted today by a Democratic leader. Today, it was asserted that the sale of bonds may be justified on the ground that this government has invested millions in the Panama canal and is entitled to a return of at least a part of the investment now that the government is in need of funds.

The possibility of a sale of bonds is increased by the fact that there is much hostility in Democratic ranks to the additional taxes on gasoline, bank checks, pig iron and fabricated steel, suggested in the President's address.

There is no concerted movement for the enactment of inheritance tax legislation, but Mr. Hull will be prepared early in January to lay before his colleagues an analysis of the revenue producing qualities of such legislation. The inheritance tax laws of various European countries and the states are now being studied by Mr. Hull.

The author of the income tax law, it is understood, believes that the measure must be amended so as to produce about \$65,000,000 more than at present. It is realized, however, that any modification which touches smaller incomes will be exceedingly unpopular, and the law is amended to increase the burden of taxation probably will apply mainly to incomes of five figures.

of nations which will conclude the European war, are the matters of most importance considered.

Nathan D. Kaplan, president of the Zionists in Chicago, will preside at the opening session of the convention at the Hebrew Institute Sunday morning. Over 1000 delegates will be in attendance.

Do You Have Sour Stomach?

If you are troubled with sour stomach you should eat slowly and masticate your food thoroughly. Then take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. For sale by Good Bros. Drug Stores—Advertisement.

FOUR BILLION FISH AS U. S. OUTPUT

Department Report Shows Result of Protective Measures.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The annual report of the Commissioner of Fisheries shows that the bureau has just completed the most successful of the forty-five years of its existence. The number of fish produced and distributed was greater, and the cost of production per pound less, than in any previous year. Fifty permanent hatcheries and seventy-six sub-hatcheries, auxiliaries and collecting stations have been conducted, and the output during the fiscal year 1915 was over four billion young fish and eggs, an increase of more than 241,000,000 over the previous year. Plants of food fishes were made in every state and territory, fish eggs were distributed to the fish commissions of twenty-seven states, and consignments of eggs were sent to Porto Rico, Cuba, India and Japan. The distribution of the output required over 145,000 miles of travel by the U. S. mail, and 1,000,000 miles of express. The introduction of the humpback salmon of the Pacific Coast into Maine streams, which last year was an experiment, is now a reality, as many of these fish were taken during the summer of 1915 in the Maine rivers; furthermore, ripe eggs have been taken from them, a proof of thorough acclimatization. The counter-experiment of transplanting the Atlantic lobster in Pacific waters is still in progress.

The Bureau of Fisheries has done and is doing much for the conservation and utilization of food fishes which have heretofore been wasted. Each year when the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, with their various tributaries, overflow their banks and later recede, millions of young fish are left stranded in temporary pools or where in a short time they would perish. Rescue work is, however, undertaken by the bureau, and in 1915 over eight million valuable food fish were saved and delivered to applicants, deposited in public waters, or returned to the rivers.

The Alaska seals are the most valuable herd of wild animals ever owned by any government, and the Bureau of Fisheries is their custodian. The revenue to the government from the seals—when commercial killing is resumed—will be very large, and efforts are being made to find uses for the seal carcasses, aside from the comparatively small number required by the natives for food. The old practice of using only the skin and wasting the carcass can no longer be countenanced. The report of the special investigators who went to the Pribilof Islands in 1914 to make a careful study of the conditions of the seal herd was submitted in January, 1915, and presents in detail a statement not alone of the condition of the seal herd, but also of the fox and reindeer herds belonging to the government, and of the natives who inhabit the seal islands. A new method of obtaining supplies for the Pribilof Islands was instituted in 1914-15, and a large saving will result therefrom.

AGREEMENT ON OIL HEARING REACHED

Comes Before Committee on January 10; Mineral Land Bill Reported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The administration bill for leasing of public mineral lands was today ordered favorably reported to the House by the public lands committee.

The committee, however, agreed to a hearing of California oil interests about January 10 with a view to determining whether the committee shall offer amendments on the floor for the relief of California oil interests, individuals who developed oil on the San Joaquin Valley lands prior to the decision of the supreme court, which upheld the President's withdrawal of the lands on which they located.

The provisions affecting these millions of dollars' worth of oil lands remain in the reported bill substantially as in the measure passed by the House in the last Congress, though they are subject to a fight later on for greater relief than the oil companies affected receive in the leasing arrangement under the bill as it stands.

The bill allows them preference in getting twenty-year leases of the lands they now occupy to the extent of sixty-four acres, each with right to successive ten year leases, each under conditions of reversion to the government of not less than one-eighth of the oil produced.

MEXICAN POLICY TO BE ATTACKED

Republicans Are to Oppose the Appointment of Fletcher as Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Republicans of the Senate foreign relations committee are preparing to renew their attack on President Wilson's Mexican policy when Congress reassembles, by fighting confirmation of Henry Prather Fletcher's appointment as ambassador to Mexico.

Senator Dorn, one of those who intends to lead the fight said today that the position was not to Fletcher himself, who is a Republican and highly esteemed, but to the appointment of an ambassador at a time when the Republican senators contend there is no government in any part of Mexico. There also is some Democratic opposition to Fletcher, but it is political.

The opposition to Fletcher's confirmation, the Republicans say, will be made the vehicle of a fight on the administration's whole Mexican policy. The Republicans are opposed to recognition to any other government in Mexico without provision for reparations for the many American lives lost and the millions of dollars of property damaged in the revolutions. By some the lives lost are estimated at as many as 150,000.

JOY TO FOLLOW OLD YEAR FROM 7 STATES

'Bargain Sales' and Speeding the Parting Principal Business of 'Mourners'

State-wide prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors will become effective in seven states at midnight tonight. More than 3000 saloons, a large number of breweries, wholesale liquor houses and distilleries will be put out of business.

The states which are to enter the "dry" column are Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Iowa, Colorado, Arkansas and South Carolina. Many counties in all of the seven states have prohibited the sale of liquor for a number of years under local option laws.

According to figures offered by the Anti-Saloon League of America, the addition of the seven states that go "dry" tomorrow will bring the total of prohibition states in the union to nineteen.

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—At midnight tonight the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors in the state of Washington will cease, under the initiative law passed by the voters in 1913. Within 10 days all liquor unstocked at midnight, December 31, must have been shipped outside the state and all liquor signs removed. Residents of Washington may purchase from dealers outside the state two quarts of spirituous liquors or twice as much beer each 10 days, but with much inconvenience, expense and publicity. Enforcement of the law rests not alone with the police and public prosecutor, for any citizen may cause search of a saloon, and owners and managers will be held liable for sale or storage of liquor therein. Having received nearly fourteen months' notice, liquor dealers and manufacturers have arranged to do no other business or leave the state. Some wholesalers have opened offices in California, and expect to do large express business with residents of Washington. Many retailers will conduct lunch rooms and soft-drink counters, hoping to hold their old patrons.

Stocks of liquors have been well cleared up, and saloons began today with the goods enough to carry them through the day.

SEATTLE BREWERY FILES INJUNCTION SUIT

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 31.—Attacking the prohibition measure which becomes effective in Washington after January 1, 1916, the Seattle Brewing and Malting Company of Seattle filed suit in the Federal court here, Tacoma, yesterday against W. V. Tanner, attorney-general of the state, asking the court for a temporary restraining order prohibiting the company for the manufacture, sale and shipment of liquor out of the state pending the disposition of its action in the United States court.

The complaint set forth the company has more than 15,000 barrels of beer, valued at more than \$50,000, which, it complains, it cannot ship out of the state until January 15 because of the lack of facilities, and asks the court to restrain the attorney-general from proceeding against the firm for each day of its failure to comply with the prohibition act, as it alleges the attorney-general has threatened.

The complaint attacks not only the prohibition law but also the direct legislation amendment to the state legislation and the Federal Webb-Kenyon act, giving states the power to regulate liquor importation. It is alleged publications of the direct legislation amendment and the Webb-Kenyon act are not sufficient. After attacking the Webb-Kenyon act as unconstitutional, the complaint sets forth that even if constitutional it does not apply in Washington, as this is not strictly "dry" territory, since the importation of liquor is permitted. Judge Cushman fixed January 6 at 10 o'clock for hearing arguments on the petition.

OREGON LIQUOR IS TO BE GONE TONIGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—Prospects are that the stocks of liquor, wholesale and retail, in Portland and other cities of Oregon, will be nearly, if not entirely, exhausted by midnight, when the prohibition law is to become effective.

Heavy supplies of liquors for private consumption have been laid in by individuals.

STARVING MEXICANS CROWD JUAREZ

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 31.—Despite departures today of hundreds of former Villa soldiers, Juarez is overcrowded with Carranza troops and former Villa soldiers, who swarmed in on the already filled town.

From the south came battered hordes of former Villa soldiers. From Guzman came General Rodolfo Flores's brigade.

From Sonora came about 1000 infantry, 175 women and several hundred children of various ages, including babies born en route. Following them came about 1500 cavalrymen. All detrained at Pelea, N. M., and walked eight miles to Juarez, where they straggled into town unarmed, pack laden, children mounted on women's shoulders and the women staggering with exhaustion.

SUFFERING AND DEATH. Before General J. J. Pershing was able to secure permission for their transfer through a corner of Texas by train, one baby and been born, a soldier and a girl who led on the train had been died in blankets beyond the international boundary and buried and several women were delirious.

Dr. J. S. McAlpine, an American physician, exhausted his medicine case at Juarez.

Hops had been entertained that the War Department would permit the train to proceed in bond to Juarez. Upon its arrival, however, General Pershing telephoned permission had not been granted. The refusal, it is understood, was based upon the desire to avoid the comingling in El Paso of Carranza troops and the Villa refugees.

MOTHER Buries BABY. The bodies of the dead soldier and the girl were carried up a steep sand hill, where the international boundary is marked by a monument and buried. Down the train, however, General Pershing telephoned permission had not been granted. The refusal, it is understood, was based upon the desire to avoid the comingling in El Paso of Carranza troops and the Villa refugees.

DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions, your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be depressed and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer.

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Election Fraud Case Fails; Witness Sick

With the dismissal today of the charge against Joseph Taggart, one of the six men arrested for alleged fraud in the circulation of a recent recall petition against Supervisor Joseph M. Kelley, two of the cases, have been passed upon, the first having resulted in a disagreement of the jury. The Taggart case was dismissed upon motion of Chief Deputy District Attorney Walter J. Burpee, who told Judge Ogden that the chief witness against the defendant had suffered a stroke of paralysis and would probably never be able to take the witness stand.

Judge Ogden set January 5 as the date of trial for the third case, that of Dr. B. J. Perry, who is charged with conspiracy to defraud Kelley and Kelley's wife.

Britton was the first to be tried and the jury failed to reach a verdict in his defense he claimed that he had have proved sufficient to convict his only read a portion of the petition clerk.

Santa Fe Cars Derailed; Three Persons Hurt

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Three persons were slightly injured when several coaches of an inbound Overland Santa Fe passenger train were derailed at the interlocking station at Claremont, California, near Pomona early today. According to information received at the railroad's offices here, the movement of the train was but slightly delayed. A brief blockage of traffic resulted.

which he circulated and that part mentioned only the removal of the county buildings. The jury commended to the court that they felt any man who signed a petition should read it, otherwise he would not be a good citizen.

Attorney Henry Skinner, who represented Taggart, declared today that he was ready to go to trial and was confident that the evidence would not in his defense he claimed that he had have proved sufficient to convict his only read a portion of the petition clerk.

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WILL GIVE TIME TO AUTO OWNERS

Where Numbers Have Been
Applied for No Arrests Will
Be Made.

While arrests will be made beginning tomorrow for failure to have the proper state motor vehicle license, Chief Woods will not cause the arrest of those who have applied for the license, and who have not received them on or before the 1st of January. Owners and drivers of automobiles without the proper license will be called upon by the police when they are stopped to show the license or a check stub to prove that they have made application and are waiting for the license.

It is understood that there is some confusion in the bureau of Sacramento and that delays may result from this fact. Some owners who sent their license fees at last fall were not as yet received their number and tag.

I shall not cause the arrest of those who have regularly applied for their license but have not received them due to delays over which they can have no control," said Chief Woods. "I shall allow them sufficient time to receive their license. But they must be ready to prove when asked to do so by my men that they have made the proper application."

I have not decided how long I shall continue this course. It is probable that when the confusion has been removed at Sacramento the bureau will notify us that applications are receiving prompt attention, and that license numbers are being returned within a specified reasonable time. I shall then issue special orders with regard to automobile owners who may not have received their permits.

"We shall commence tomorrow, however, to see that the new law is enforced, and we shall make it our business to ascertain that any auto not carrying the proper 1916 numbers have been prevented from doing so by delays at Sacramento, and not by negligence on the part of their owners in failing to make application."

GREAT CELEBRATION AT SAN DIEGO FAIR

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 31.—San Diego turned out en masse today to do honor to the final day of the Panama-California Exposition, which, long since free from debt, has been operating successfully since last summer. Coinciding with the closing of the 1915 exposition will come the opening of the Panama-California International Exposition of 1916 tomorrow.

In recognition of the co-operation of the military throughout the year, the exposition presented the various branches of the services with diplomas. The presentation speech was made by President G. A. Davidson after a combined review of 2500 troops held in the Plaza de Panama.

At noon officials predicted that the attendance for the closing day probably would exceed that of the opening, when 38,000 people attended. The celebration of the closing will continue until after midnight and from 6 p. m. the exercises will be given over to carnival and merriment.

The new exposition has asked Governor Johnson to place before the special session of the legislature to be called January 5 a bill which will set aside Balboa Park, owned by the City of San Diego, for the use of the exposition throughout 1916. This bill will be practically the same as the one which gave the 1915 exposition authority to use the park.

Woman Outwitted; 14 Process Servers

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—That she "trayed herself" in male attire and that she used many other acts and devices to successfully outwit fourteen men detailed to serve a court summons upon her, was the statement of Attorney Charles A. Christin this morning in connection with an action against Mrs. Alice Gough of the Hotel Dillon, 634 Sixth street. It remained for the Christmas Eve celebration, in which Alice Gough sang, to lure forth the woman.

She was in the court in connection with her counsel in the case, and she was fined by the court for making a frivolous objection to a serious proceeding.

Attorney Christin succeeded in serving her. He learned that she was going out accompanied by a bodyguard. Using an automobile and aided by two detectives, he dashed down a dark street after her. His machine was wrecked on a stone pile, but he jumped out and with his friends overpowered Mrs. Gough's escort, Thomas Gough, the husband, a party to the suit, remained in seclusion the entire month.

New Records Are Set by Postoffice

The Oakland postoffice set several new records during the Christmas rush last week when the parcel post, stamp sales and incoming and outgoing mail established unprecedented marks. At the main office, where thousands were poured in during the week, never has such a huge amount of business been handled.

During the week over 1,200,000 letters were cancelled exclusive of the branch offices. On December 23, 33,000 over 20,000 cancelled letters were made over the same day in 1914 when 285,000 were handled. Thousands of parcel post packages, ranging from small Christmas gifts to talking machines and other bulky articles, were handled.

"During the five days prior to Christmas the stamp receipts showed a total of \$7000 over the corresponding week last year."

Stomach Troubles.
Persons who have stomach trouble are apt to become discouraged. They will be by the following that their chances of recovery are excellent. A. K. Williams, of Chicago, has cured thousands of cases of stomach trouble that he was sent to a hospital, but received little benefit and came home to die. Mr. Williams said that he had taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which he did, and today he is a well man and weighs 175 pounds. For sale by Oakland Ross Drug Store.—Advertisement.

SO LONG TO THE WEST, WILL SAY SO LONG LETTY



CHARLOTTE GREENWOOD.

"So Long Letty." These short words immediately bring to mind 6 feet 2 of femininity—Charlotte Greenwood, gawky, but not awkward, a producer of laughs and elation.

Heading a rejuvenated company, the irrepressible Charlotte and Sid, "Trant-Tommy-Tall," again perform for Oaklanders. Prior to touring the East the company will open a week's engagement at the Macdonough, commencing Sunday afternoon. During the two weeks that "Letty" "So longed" in Oakland recently all records for the S. R. O. sign were broken. The advance sale for next week already bids fair to equal this record.

William Rock and Francis White, together with Winnie Baldwin and Percy Brynson are not in the cast. They are supplanted by Frances Cameron, Jack Henderson, Burrell Barbra and the "Crows" sisters. Several new songs and dances have been injected into the show. "In Slam" is one of the new offerings. Of course "Milly-polly May Boley" will star as "Milly Miller."

STATE TO DIRECT FOOD SHIPMENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—After consulting for several days with Attorney General Gregory and members of the Federal Trade Commission, Harry Vinson, California State Market director, left today for California to invite all producers of perishable farm products in that state to give the State Market Commission a monopoly of routing and directing carloads of the products for the eastern markets.

While not having any formal approval from the Federal officials for his plan, Vinson said they had found no defect, and he was confident the state could do without question that "individual interests acting separately or through private organization could not do it."

"One of the weak spots in the eastern marketing of California perishable farm products," said Vinson, "is that some of the shippers are large individual growers, some are growers' co-operative societies and some are shipping corporations, with the result that the distribution can be conflicting, uncontrolled and unscientific, causing frequent gluts and famines."

Racine Bankers Are Accused of Failure

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 31.—Charged with responsibility for the failure of the defunct Commercial and Savings Bank, Charles R. Carpenter, cashier, and E. H. Richards, president, are under heavy bond here today to appear in court and answer indictments returned yesterday by the grand jury. Carpenter furnished bail of \$50,000 and Richards bail of \$50,000. The Commercial and Savings Bank closed its doors September 17, 1914, and at that time the deposits were given at \$2,500,000. Since then a total of 50 per cent of all deposits has been paid in dividends.

Increased Freight on Grain Is Not Granted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Proposed increased rates on grain and grain products from Indiana, Illinois and other Middle Western States at from certain points in Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky to Atlantic ports for export were found not justified today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The increases ranged from a half cent to two cents a hundred pounds.

ASK MORE CARS ON LOWER BROADWAY

Downtown Property Owners
Would Have Substitute
if Jitneys Go.

The Downtown Property Owners' Association, selected the city council today to ask upon more frequent car service on lower Broadway, if the proposed jitney ordinance, which will probably eliminate the jitney altogether from Broadway, is given final passage. The letter addressed to the council and signed by Secretary R. Porter Giles of the association, calls attention to the fact that the jitneys have been giving service on lower Broadway, while the street cars on several of the lines running down Broadway have been reduced to one car per hour. The city clerk was instructed to reply to the letter and ask for specific recommendations as to what betterments are desired by the association. The council will take up the matter at its next meeting, when the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway Company.

An ordinance appropriating \$15,000 to provide for the erection of an annex to the Fremont High School was given first and second reading and passed to final passage today. The appropriation was made from the school building fund at the recommendation of the board of education.

The authority of Commissioner of Public Health and Safety F. F. Jackson to remove Peter Van Houtte from the rank of police corporal was given today in a letter filed with the city council by Attorney C. A. Beardsley, representing Van Houtte. In the letter Beardsley demanded payment of \$25.00, one-half month's pay as corporal. The matter was referred to Commissioner Jackson and the city attorney.

Van Houtte was reduced to the ranks for failing to report the misdoings of Richard Lonsen, who was dismissed from the police department because of an imbroglio in which he involved himself in a lower Broadway lodging-house.

Beardsley held in his letter that the charter does not permit the commissioner to reduce a man to the ranks after he has passed his probationary period of six months following appointment as a police corporal. Van Houtte had passed his probation in October, Beardsley said.

Inventor of Kitchen Table Dies in Berkeley

BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—Charles H. Townsend, to whom a chair of honor was conferred at the death of his son, died at his home at 2041 Franklin street, at the age of 88. Townsend was the inventor of the kitchen table with floor and sugar bins beneath and cutting-board, which is in use throughout the country.

He was a native of England, had resided in California since 1850 and for the last twenty-five years lived in Berkeley. He was a member of Orion Lodge, No. 189, of Odd Fellows, and had been chaplain for many years of the Berkeley Odd Fellows lodge. He was a member also of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Association of San Francisco, of Berkeley Encampment, Berkeley Rebecca Lodge and Canton and Canton Berkeley of the Patriarchs Militant.

He was the uncle of Mrs. Byron E. Underwood, at whose home he had lived and where funeral services will be conducted tomorrow.

Archbishop Puts End to Church's Existence

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The "Old Catholic Church" in Great Britain has been dissolved by Archbishop Mathew. The archbishop has announced his unconditional submission to the Pope. Five of his suffragans and several priests have taken the same step.

In a letter explaining his reasons for dissolving the church, Archbishop Mathew says he began the movement in the hope of restoring the nation to Roman Catholicism, but that he is now convinced, after two months of solitude and prayer, "that the church was an interior union with the primacy of Christendom, unaccompanied by exterior submission to the pope, could not survive."

He said that the "Old Catholic Church" was a "regiment of men," and that these troops, which were intended for "military duty" and there is no sign that they are preparing to march toward Macedonia, although an effective blow could be struck at the badly-equipped "disorganised army" which could be taken on the flank.

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Essad Pasha Joins Allies, Is Reported

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Journal received the following dispatch from Avon: "The Italians now have a fairly strong contingent here and have sent a regiment to Bizze. All these troops seem intended for 'military duty' and there is no sign that they are preparing to march toward Macedonia, although an effective blow could be struck at the badly-equipped 'disorganised army' which could be taken on the flank."

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Hasten Work on Big Dam at Copco

YREKA, Dec. 31.—The California-Oregon Power Company has a force of men working day and night on its dam at Copco, on the Klamath river, in an endeavor to get all the work above the high water mark before the spring rains cause the river to rise.

This dam will be an important piece of engineering and will form an immense lake and source of power, covering some valuable farms the company purchased from the residents. It is estimated the entire cost of the work will be in the neighborhood of a million dollars.

Food Resources of Germany Are Ample

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—"Count Friedrich von Westarp, a member of the chief committee of the Reichstag," says the Overseas News Agency today, "announces that the food resources of Germany are sufficient to feed her population, however long the war may last. Count Westarp added that the government had succeeded in keeping prices below the level of both neutral and enemy countries."

**Would Administer
Mrs. Etienne Estate**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Mrs. R. Freese, mother of Mrs. Mary Etienne, wife of Joseph Martin Etienne, president of the "Cyclists Iron Works" today applied for administration of her \$47,000 estate. Mrs. Etienne died September 25 and her husband was this week given the custody of his two children, William, aged 10, and Raymond, 11, for whom Mrs. Freese was fighting.

Too Coldblooded To Play the Devil

Thin Red Costume Has
Him Daunted

SAN JOSE, Dec. 31.—James Fellom, author of "Into Temptation," who has been engaged to impersonate the Devil on tonight's big pageant, after David Orant, local hood, looked at the job, took one look at the thermometer and another at the lady who was to wear tonight and sent in his resignation to the New Year's celebration committee. He reconsidered his refusal, however, and accepted the job to be "Thin Red" for his local town when the ladies committee saw his costume and lined up with what was the coldest of the year, but from present indications the festive will attract one of the largest crowds in the history of the town.

Police regulations regarding closing of cafes and stopping of music will be suspended.

BANKER, IN SAILOR'S GUISE, ARRESTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Disguised as a sailor, and after he had worked his way on the vessel to South America and Mexican ports, William Overroeder, alias W. H. Cridge, was arrested this morning on the West Coast Steamship Company's steamer Columbia and booked as a fugitive from justice. Overroeder was formerly a member of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad at Paru, Ill., and is alleged to have absconded with \$4500, eloping with a woman and deserting a wife and two children.

Detectives Murphy and Lord have been on Overroeder's trail for six weeks. A reward for his apprehension is offered by the American Surety Company, who made good the alleged defalcations. One day after the Columbia sailed the detectives learned of Overroeder's presence on the boat. They did not know that he was disguised as a sailor. Today when the vessel returned they took him into custody as he was endeavoring to avoid recognition at the gangplank.

Overroeder disappeared on August 11 in company with Miss Anna Minnegan. He was seen in Chicago and later left for the Exposition. When taken into custody Overroeder had no money in his possession. He denied that he had eloped with the woman mentioned and would say nothing as to the alleged defalcations, nor what had become of the missing money. Overroeder is 25 years old and will be held pending advice from Paru.

According to the police it was Miss Minnegan, a widow of Paru, who betrayed Overroeder following his leaving her in Panama. She wrote a letter to the American Surety Company telling them he was coming to San Francisco.

Masked Bandits Try to Hold Up Jitney

Two masked men attempted to hold up and rob L. J. Hughes, 1820 Bridge avenue, last night, while he was driving his jitney south in Thirty-fifth avenue near East Sixteenth street. Hughes speeded his machine, and escaped the bandits.

The men stopped from the curb with masks over their faces. One of the men whistled while the other raised his hand as if he was about to level a weapon at Hughes. The jitney driver ducked and speeded his machine. The bandits fired first at East Fourteenth street, near Fruitvale avenue Hughes found Patrolman McCormick, and the two returned to the scene of the attempted holdup.

The bandits had disappeared. Search by the police groves vain. This was reported to the police as follows:

A. F. Gimbal, 315, Wayne avenue, home entered and jewelry and \$22.50 stolen.

John Frates and John Silva, 233 Willow street, rooms entered and suits of clothes stolen.

William Mann, 1949 Seventh avenue, home entered, watch, jewelry and revolver stolen.

C. Leidecker, printer, 1419 Thirtieth avenue, 40 feet of machinery belt stolen.

Appointed to Survey S. F. Public Schools

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—It was announced today that Henry Turner Bailey of Boston, author and lecturer on art and educational subjects, had been selected by the National Bureau of Education to assist Philander C. Clark, United States Commissioner of Education, in making a survey of the public schools of this city.

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Christmas Pageant Given by Women

With a Christmas pageant, the season was celebrated last night at the Young Women's Christian Association for the entertainment of many members and guests. The affair was held in the auditorium of the Webster-street building with ceremony.

Sixty girls, dressed as Egyptians, English, French, Belgians, Dutch and other nationalities trooped on following a procession of white-clad chiefs led by Miss N. Johnson, who bore aloft the Christmas tree, a symbol of Christmas, a collection of old England. Among the performers were a dozen children representing gift packages read up in rhymes. There were songs of various nationalities, folk songs and the anthems of Christmas were sung by the pageant actors, and at the conclusion seasonal old carols were taken by the entire audience.

Santa Fe Trains Crash; Passengers Not Hurt

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Shipwrecked trains, combined with a coming storm, caused a passenger collision late yesterday between eastbound Santa Fe passenger trains Nos. 1 and 3 at Hegoria, Cal., in the eastern portion of the state. An empty train on the rear of No. 1 was damaged, but no one was injured, according to reports received here.

Damage to the train was not so great as a passenger could go back to the station, which was from the collision. The front of the train was damaged, but the "deadhead" coach on the rear of the train was not damaged and prevented injury to passengers.

Both trains proceeded on their eastward journey after a brief delay, according to officials of the railroad.

Brewer Is President of Irrigation Body

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—A sharp three-cornered fight for the presidency of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, resulting in the choice of J. W. Brewer of Portland, as president, and the endorsement of state and federal irrigation, were the features of the last day of the fifth annual Irrigation Congress of Oregon, which ended its five-day study with a banquet last night at the Chamber of Commerce. Following is the list of officers elected:

President, J. W. Brewer, Portland, Secretary, Fred N. Wallace, Tuleburg, first vice-president, Harvey H. de Armond, Bend; second vice-president, A. D. Anderson, Astoria, and third vice-president, C. C. Carter, Astoria.

A constitutional amendment was favored which would provide a state guarantee for principal and interest of irrigation and drainage bonds.

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All Our Friends and Customers



This store enters upon the New Year with elation as well as expectation. In the old year just closing we have served the public as best we knew. We thank our customers for a highly successful year, and our sales force for increased efficiency.

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Our great holiday business was only one of the proofs of this. Factories are all running overtime. Crops are larger than ever before. The year 1916 looks rosy for American business, and as for the great calamity that has befallen the nations of the Old World, we can only hope and pray for an early peace.

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The Recreation Department of the City of Oakland
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BERKELEY BUILDING \$2,000,000 FOR YEAR

College Town to Have Large Soap Factory to Cost \$160,000.

BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—The issuance of two building permits totaling \$2,000,000 for the year 1916, represents the largest amount of new building in this city for the year which closed today. The permits were issued for the construction of the new soap factory at the corner of College and University streets, and for the apartment house at Ashby and College avenues to cost \$160,000.

The total amount of permits for the year 1915 was \$1,800,000, according to the report of Building Inspector Robert Grier at \$1,800,000. This includes an estimate of \$160,000 for the present month, though Grier was not sure that this estimate would be under the mark for the year, according to the report which Grier was working on this afternoon.

The construction of the new soap factory at the corner of College and University streets, a gang of workmen were laboring today with steam shovels and fifteen teams on the excavation. The P. J. Walker Company has the contract. The building under construction, will cost close to \$1,000,000.

The total of new buildings for the year is almost \$2,000,000 in excess of last year, according to Grier's report. According to advance information he has of contemplated structures next year, promises an even greater advance. The \$580,000 represented in buildings started on the University of California campus during the year is not included in the following table of the year's permits:

Month	Permits	Estimated Cost
January	69	\$3,750
February	80	\$40,000
March	80	\$120,000
April	91	\$120,000
May	108	\$21,650
June	108	\$21,650
July	90	\$12,000
August	112	\$13,900
September	112	\$13,900
October	112	\$13,900
November	92	\$17,075
December	100	\$24,000
Year totals	1132	\$1,985,025

*Estimated.

"Chimes" in Movies in Berkeley Church

BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—"The Chimes," the famous New Year's story by Charles Dickens, will be shown in motion pictures by the young people of the First Christian Church of Berkeley this evening. This five-part picture has been selected for the New Year's eve entertainment because of the great English writer so vividly portrays the significance of the New Year in his story. "Trotty" Veck, far after midnight, seated by the fire and lulled by the chimes of the old church, falls asleep and dreams. His dream takes him to the belly of the old church, where the spirit of the children chides him for having done something he should not, and endeavors to show him the consequences might be by picturing the future.

Nell Murphy, tenor soloist, will render selections during the evening. He will be assisted by Miss Grace Love at the piano.

The Endeavor societies of the church will have a watch party following the motion picture entertainment until the arrival of 1916 at midnight.

PLAN NEW CLUB

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—The Fernside recreation club, is to hold a dance at the clubhouse, the evening of Saturday, January 16. The members are noted for their hospitality and it is expected that there will be a large throng in attendance to enjoy the dance. The proceeds of these affairs, to which the general public is invited, are to be used for the new clubhouse which the Fernside club has in course of construction.

ALAMEDA GIRL BRIDE

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—Miss Claire Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Everett, of San Francisco, at St. Joseph's church, Rev. J. Bernard Francher officiating, was united in marriage to James Lyons, brother and sister of the late Mrs. Everett. The couple was attended by James Lyons and Miss Mary Lyons, brother and sister of the late Mrs. Everett. The bride will take her bride to a home prepared for her across the bay.

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A million people, many right in your own locality, have taken Mayr's Wonderful Remedy for Stomach, Liver and Intestinal Ailments, Dyspepsia, Pressure of Gas Around the Heart, Sour Stomach, Distress After Eating, Nervousness, Dizziness, Fainting, Spasms, Headaches, Constipation, Torpid Liver, etc., and are praising it highly to other sufferers. Get a bottle of your druggist today. This highly successful Remedy has been taken by people in all walks of life, among them Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, Editors, Lawyers, Merchants, Bankers, Doctors, Druggists, Nurses, Manufacturers, Priests, Ministers, Farmers, with fasting benefit, and it should be equally successful in your case. Send for free valuable booklet on Stomach Ailments to Geo. H. Mayr, Mfg. Chemist, 154-156 Whiting street, Chicago, Ill. For sale by druggists everywhere.

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Combine both reading and distance corrections in one lens—no ugly seams—easily avoiding the annoyance of changing the glasses when you wish to see far or near.

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Schmidt, Convicted of L. A. Times Dynamiting, Will Appeal the Case

JURY FIXES SENTENCE FOR LIFE

By Associated Press. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Matthew A. Schmidt, who was convicted of murder in the first degree last night, as an accomplice of James E. McNamara in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building here October 1, 1910, will appear in court next Monday for sentence. At that time Job Harriman, one of his counsel, will file a motion for a new trial, and it has been agreed that the case will be continued until January 12 for arguments on the motion.

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LIFE IMPRISONMENT

The jury fixed Schmidt's punishment as imprisonment for life, the same penalty imposed on James E. McNamara after the latter had confessed in court four years ago that he placed the bomb which blew up the newspaper plant.

Schmidt heard the verdict without show of emotion. His sister, Miss Katherine Schmidt of Chicago, who had been weeping most of the day while attorneys argued for the life of her brother, also received the judgment of the jury with calmness.

Nathan Coghlan, Schmidt's chief counsel, said if motion for new trial is denied the case would be carried to the highest courts.

Members of the jury said three ballots were taken. On two the jurors stood eleven to one for conviction. There was no question in the minds of the jury, members of the panel stated, that Schmidt not only had purchased from the Giant Powder Company of San Francisco the 500 pounds of 80 per cent nitroglycerine from which James McNamara made the two-pound bomb which blew up the Times building, but that he had conspired, aided and abetted McNamara in carrying out the plan that resulted in the killing of a score of men.

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"WAR IN LOS ANGELES"

"Send word to Lincoln Steffens," he said, "that the Golden Rule is dead. There will be ten years war in Los Angeles. This will pay for this."

Lincoln Steffens played a prominent part in the sensational close of the trial of the McNamara brothers, James and John, in November, 1911, when the accused dynamite conspirators pleaded guilty after two jurors and a detective employed by the defense had been arrested and admitted jury bribery.

James McNamara confessed to the murder of Charles Hagerty in connection with the dynamiting of the Times, and was sentenced to life imprisonment at San Quentin. John J. McNamara, former secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to wreck the



MATTHEW A. SCHMIDT, WHO WAS FOUND GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN LOS ANGELES TIMES DYNAMITING CASE

Llewellyn Iron Works, which was damaged by a bomb set by Orrie E. McNamara on Christmas day, 1910. He is serving a fifteen years sentence.

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Engaged Couple to Entertain at Party

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—An interesting engagement just made known is that of Miss Louise Habenicht Sloan to Walter H. Reed of this city. Miss Sloan is a charming young society matron of San Francisco, granddaughter of the late Nicholas Van Bergen, a pioneer merchant of this coast.

Mrs. Sloan is the widow of Clarence B. Sloan, better known in the various club and business circles as "Pete" Sloan, who was a brother of J. R. Sloan, clubman of this city.

Reed is the Pacific Coast agent for an Eastern manufacturing firm. He has many friends in Alameda who will welcome his bride as an addition to the local social life.

An elaborate dinner party will be given this evening by Walter H. Reed at the home in Fernside boulevard at which the bride and groom will be entertained. They will see the old year out and the new year in.

AT HOUSE PARTY. ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—Fourteen of the members of the Mask and Dagger Society of the University of California left this morning for the Alameda country home, seven miles from Santa Cruz, where they will be the house guests of Miss Alice Elliot until Monday next. In the party are the Misses Alice Elliot, Carol Eberts, Charlotte Kett, Mervyn Kett and William Kett, Gladstone Wilson, Richard Chamberlain, Ernest Cleve, John Altman, Lawrence Levy and Lloyd Oliver.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—Christ Episcopal Church will have special New Year's services tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion, with an address by Rev. E. W. Cooper on "Key Notes for the Coming Year."

WEDDING FOLLOWS MEXICAN PEACE

Theresa Harrison Will Wed Andrew Lawson in February.

BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—The intercession of the American Republics in the affairs of Mexico has brought more than a promise of peace to that war-torn country. It has brought to the hearts of the people of California and one of the most popular members of the Berkeley community, whose fiancée, Andrew Lawson, will now be able to come back to Berkeley and a few days of holiday.

Lawson is the son of Professor Andrew C. Lawson, professor of mineralogy and dean of the college of mining at the University of California. He has been in Mexico since his graduation from the university, and has been in the service of the Mexican government since his return to the United States. He has been in the service of the Mexican government since his return to the United States.

Mrs. Lawson is to open her beautiful home on La Luna for an affair in honor of her son's return. The bride's father, Mr. Andrew C. Lawson, will be the master of honor and only attendant. The wedding will be witnessed only by relatives and a few close friends. The ceremony will take place at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Harrison, who recently removed to San Francisco.

Commerce Secretary Claims Alameda Bride

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—With the simple wedding ceremony performed by the Rev. Father Bernard Francher at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Miss Marie Koordt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Koordt, became the bride of Edward C. Silver, secretary of the Alameda Chamber of Commerce, and son of Mrs. Elizabeth Koordt of this city, who is the daughter of the late Mr. C. C. Koordt.

Only a few of the nearest of the bride were present with the members of the bride's family. The bride and groom were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Koordt and J. H. Koordt, member of the Alameda council.

The bride party enjoyed a wedding supper at the Hotel Oakland following the ceremony. The bride and groom will spend a week or ten days, after which they will make their home at 1035 Central avenue.

Wheeler to Consider New Tropical School

BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—To arrange at Riverside for the erection of a group of buildings for the proposed new tropical school, President Benjamin Wheeler is today at Riverside. The school is to be of this kind, the most elaborately and completely equipped in the world. The school is to be of this kind, the most elaborately and completely equipped in the world.

Turkey Supper for Elks and Friends

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—The spacious clubhouse of Alameda Lodge of Elks will be the scene this evening of a purely social party given by Mrs. Mary Krust in honor of the Elks' Christmas dinner. The affair is to be one of the gayest of the night, and Yama Yama and fancy dress costumes will add their note of color to the brilliant scene at the club house.

"FAKE" CHRISTMAS TREE

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—Miss Priscilla Krust, who is home from school in the south, was the inspiration for the Christmas tree given by Mrs. Mary Krust last evening at the Elks' clubhouse. The tree was made of a branch of a tree, and was decorated with a continuous light. This was followed by a supper and a merry time until a late hour.

Big Gymnasium for Vallejo Church, Plan

VALLEJO, Dec. 31.—One of the most attractive features of the new Catholic church at Vallejo, which is to be completed next year, will be the big gymnasium which is to be located in the basement of the church. The gymnasium will include a basketball court, a high ceiling, practically the entire basement to be used for the purpose.

MARE ISLAND NOTES

MARE ISLAND, Dec. 31.—It is understood that Naval Constructor H. M. S. S. hall, department officer at Mare Island, intends to name several of the navy yard officials for the job of the first year in the keel of a destroyer No. 48, also known as the Shaw. The ceremony will take place at the new building slip the latter part of January.

The 1600 foot additional quay wall, which is to be constructed north of the machinery, department, at Mare Island, will probably be built out of piling, owing to the absence of the pier. The pier is to be constructed of concrete and will be built out of piling.

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HOTEL MANAGER RETIRES.

BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—Five years' connection with the Hotel Shattuck as manager was terminated today by Noah V. Gray. He will be succeeded by William E. Woolsey, owner of the hotel, and Fredrick T. Nelson, city commissioner of public works. The hotel has had a steady growth and prosperity under Gray's management, showing a profit from the first year.

Rancher Weds His Childhood Friend

Romance of Playmates Leads to Altar

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—A romance dating from childhood and its culmination last evening in the marriage of Miss Ruth A. Bowen of this city and John W. Cooper, a young rancher of Suisun, took place at the First Congregational church in the presence of the members of the family of the couple. Rev. C. L. Meats performed the ceremony.

The bride, formerly a resident at Suisun, and it was there that she and her future husband knew each other in childhood. Mrs. Bowen came to this city to live with her sister, who is connected with the Alameda schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are to reside in Suisun.

RURAL POSTOFFICE PART OF OAKLAND

SAN LEANDRO BECOMES BRANCH OFFICE WITH DELIVERY OF MAIL.

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 31.—Commencing today the San Leandro postoffice becomes a branch of the Oakland postoffice. Postmaster J. J. Rosborough of Oakland, acting under instructions from Washington, D. C., effected the change today, which means that the postoffice will become an independent branch of the Oakland postoffice.

Accompanied by several of his assistants, including the superintendent of the delivery, Postmaster Rosborough is here today. Postmaster Rosborough is here today. Postmaster Rosborough is here today.

The consolidation of the San Leandro and Oakland postoffices means for this city the employment of three city carriers and a rural carrier with an automobile. There will be installed twenty-two letter boxes in the city, and a night collection besides the regular day collection, and the city will be made without delay, and the mail delivery system will go into operation at the beginning of January.

WIDOW PASSES AWAY

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Kate Fox, widow of George W. Fox, passed away at the home of Mrs. E. A. Sedgley, 1222 Broadway, Cor. 14th St., at 10:30 p.m. She was 78 years of age. She was a native of New York. She formerly lived in Redwood City and Pacific Grove.

ALAMEDA PERSONALS

ALAMEDA, Dec. 31.—The dance at the Elks' clubhouse was one of the prettiest parties of the season and had a number of accompanying gaieties. Full evening dress was the order of the evening and many pretty gowns made the scene a gay one with the attractive surroundings of the moonlit waters.

Old Home Numbers at New Year's Fete

BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—More than 200 trained voices will be participants in the chorus of the public New Year's celebration tomorrow evening at the Elks' clubhouse. The singers will include members of the Berkeley Oratorio Society, the Elks' club, and the local high school boys and he intends that the young people shall have every opportunity to indulge in athletics.

WATER PIPES FROZEN.

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 31.—Plumbers were busy here today clearing frozen water pipes. The bitter cold of last night and early morning deprived a number of householders of their hot water, ice chocking the pipes. Matters were soon righted and no great inconvenience was experienced while no burst occurred.

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OPERA GRILL

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At \$1.00 the plate

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AUSTRIA YIELDING.

Without the complete text of the Austrian reply on the sinking of the Ancona it is impossible to determine just how fully the demands of the United States government have been met, and it is too early to say that the danger of a rupture of diplomatic relations has been entirely past.

Advance extracts from the note indicate, however, that Austria has subscribed to vital concessions to the American viewpoint, and if this is so the settlement of the details is made much easier. The declaration that the sacred laws of humanity should be taken into account by belligerents, and the principle that enemy private vessels, so long as they do not fly or offer resistance, shall not be destroyed, are positively conferred in. Austria's statement that she values the maintenance of good relations with the United States is a stereotyped diplomatic phrase, but in this case may be uttered in sincerity.

After such conciliatory concessions as to the main principles underlying the controversy we do not believe Austria will attach great importance to the acts of the submarine commander over which she appears to raise a question as to motives and intentions. Whether the American passengers on board the Ancona lost their lives through the panic which seized the crew and passengers on account of the vessel being fired at with solid shells sixteen times and hit three times, or whether the disaster was due to the sinking of the Ancona by a torpedo fired from the same submarine that fired the solid shells, seems immaterial.

The formal transmission of the report of the Austrian admiral, through diplomatic channels to the American State Department, made the Ancona case an open and simple one and Count Burian has been at a disadvantage in prolonging negotiations until public sentiment in Vienna might be tempered. We believe he will not long hold out for distinction between the culpability of a submarine commander already declared to have been punished for his illegal actions and the culpability of a terror-stricken crew and the terror-stricken passengers in the Ancona disaster, and that the crisis in Austro-American relations has been passed safely.

SEVENTY-SIX WEEKS OF WAR.

With the close today of the year of 1915 the seventy-fifth week of the European war has been passed. It was as violent, yet undecisive, as the first week. Tonight we will usher in a new year and tomorrow rise in the hopeful light of a new day. In Europe midnight will continue. The people are counting time in nights of warfare.

Politicians and statesmen refuse to look back to count the cost: widowed women and orphaned children cannot forget it. It has been a long, heavy period. To the non-combatants of Europe the world has seemed full of Herods. The methods and the relentlessness of modern warfare are extremely cruel. Poland has been trampled under foot by two invaders and left supine and bleeding; Belgium is no longer Belgium; the Serbians have had to flee their homes and their country; Armenia and Macedonia feel the hot scourge; the inhospitable Holy Land, Palestine, Syria and Sinai, Jerusalem and Aleppo, the Garden of Eden, all have suffered. Starting with political murder in Sarajevo, the flame of animosity has spread over Serbia, Austria, France, Germany, England, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Bulgaria, Japan, China, Malaysia, India, Australia, Canada and South Africa. Every sea of the globe conceals a war victim. The loss of life and the cost in gold, property and constructive energy is incomprehensible even if we approximate it.

The moral and intellectual loss is in some ways as much to be regretted. The Deutsche Tageszeitung thought to voice a warning to the German people and has estimated conditions for every belligerent nation. "It is sad to know that the dust of every-day life is settling on the pinions of the soul of so many," it says. "They have departed from the high paths and are in danger of wandering into by-paths. Unbelief and doubt have again raised their hollow-eyed and spectral heads. Out of their dark corners the

petty, the common, the frivolous, the vulgar, have dared to emerge. The dallying with sin has again begun, there is again loathsome speculation from low motives and the spirit of the prostitute is among the people."

Such is the inevitable result of long and destructive war. The Molochian conflict has done more than consume life and material; it has bruised the moral fiber of nations. That the people will recover their moral equilibrium after peace we do not doubt; perhaps they will regain it very quickly. The activities of reconstruction will awaken their higher senses and they will think of the past as a hideous dream, too benumbed by heavy tasks to feel poignantly their misfortune.

But how long will the night last? None can answer. In this seventy-sixth week the pall is spreading. Egypt and the Syrian and Persian littorals are being transformed also into armed camps. No decisive advantage has been gained by either group of belligerents and none is in sight. Thus begins 1916 in Europe, Asia and Africa.

A BLOW TO CALIFORNIA.

We have received a letter from the manager of a river transportation company with headquarters at Stockton which sets forth some interesting facts in connection with the proposal to impose a tax of one cent a gallon on fuel used in internal combustion engines and fifty cents per horse power on each gas engine manufactured. We have not investigated the statements contained in the letter, but give them herewith as being of high value in drawing attention to probable effects of the project of the national administration to extort money for government expenses by direct internal taxation:

This tax would be a most unjust tax on our farming industry and, as far as the motor boat industry goes, it would be prohibitive and confiscatory. To our company it would mean an additional tax of about five hundred dollars a month, and there is not margin enough in this business to warrant us carrying such an enormous load.

During the month of November we used 39,979 gallons of distillate, 617 gallons of gasoline and 1636 gallons of lubricating oil. You can, therefore, see what proportion of distillate we use compared to gasoline.

What would happen in the summer when we use about 50,000 gallons of distillate if we had to pay one cent a gallon tax? All other motor boat operators use the same amount of distillate in proportion to their business as we do.

The suggestion arising from these figures is important to the people of California, more generally so, perhaps, than to the people of any other state. We have an abundant oil supply in the midst of our industries and this has meant cheap fuel and has advanced general development. It may be safely said that California owes more to oil than it does to her gold deposits. Oil burning motors are rapidly replacing coal burners in the coast-wise and river steamship traffic, have already done so to a great extent. They provide the power for many other engines of industry. If one river steamship company, engaged in bringing agricultural products to the markets, is obliged to pay five hundred dollars a month additional taxes, consumers will have to pay more for their products or a very large and important part of our transportation facilities will have to go out of business.

Besides this the cost of operating motor cars, farm tractors, pumping plants and refineries will be greatly increased. California will pay a greater proportion of the new taxes, if imposed, than any other state, or else be forced to reform its industrial and commercial life.

Evidently the leaders of the Democratic party have not gotten away from the old, mistaken idea that automobiles are a luxury, and they do not seem to realize that the oil-burning engine is a revolutionary invention affecting favorably the very foundation of the world's industrial and commercial life. The motor car in this state has become a utilitarian implement, and it remains a luxury of society by accident. The cost of an efficient car is as low as that of an ordinary team and wagon, and the automobile is going into general use just as fast as road improvements will permit.

There is strange connection between the act of the administration in deliberately depriving the Pacific Coast of the service of American deep-sea ships and the present proposal to strike a vital blow at California's local industrial and commercial prosperity and social convenience. The work of smashing California goes merrily on.

Secretary of War Garrison is spending the holiday week at his home in New Jersey preparing data to expedite the administration's plan for national defense when Congress reconvenes next week. It is a laudable way to pass the Christmas recess, but we hope Mr. Garrison achieves more success in this line than is possible to crown his efforts to make it appear that Colonel Roosevelt is a convert to the defense policy of the present administration. It is greatly to be desired also that he will display more knowledge and better judgment in his recommendations regarding the army than he has shown in his silly attempt to convince the country that the Colonel is a little-army and little-navy man.

All foodstuffs of prime necessity may be imported into Mexico duty free, according to advices received from the Carranza government by the Mexican consulate at Galveston, Texas. Common soap may also be imported without charge.

NOTES and COMMENT

The thing about T. R. when he gets into verbal action is that he never discloses his "tricks."

The wave of influenza coming so close on the wave of influenza makes it doubly unpleasant for quite a lot of people.

The trouble is pretty well started in China. Some of the soldiers have abandoned the flag of the Emperor. It is a mad world, and a fighting one.

Farbank's is out. Next to James Watson's Ritey there is no Indianan who would get a more discriminating vote.

A tale or two of snow hereabouts is an item for the papers, but from the accounts snow is no curiosity in the Eastern region of the country.

A Richmond youth has renounced his father because of the latter's alleged indiscretions. Another worm turns.

The English practice of stopping American mail vessels should not be allowed to go unchecked. Some day a note to Austria will be delayed.

"Puglist is injured on way to fight. That is about the only way most of them are likely to get injured in this later day of framed pugilistic enterprises.

Registration by party is now so generally acknowledged as the way to proceed that to call an extra session of the legislature would be an act of supererogation, indeed.

The name of Henry D. Eastabrook of New York City has been filed in Nebraska for the presidential nomination. Who is Eastabrook and what is he driving at?

A Martinez woman of 60, having been declared sane, married the man of her choice. Respectfully referred for comment to Lino Cavallero's late brother-in-law.

Mrs. Francisco Villa—one of her—is reported at Los Angeles as anxiously awaiting her beloved husband to show up. Not half as anxiously as Uncle Samuel and Cousin Venusiano.

Feather dusters having been classed as "expensive aristocratic notions" by the San Jose school board, we may expect the Garden City school boy to relegate wash-rags to the same discard.

The Burbank San Francisco enterprise has had an outcome about as discerning ones expected when the attempt was inaugurated to commercialize the fame of the plant wizard.

Harry Thaw still seems to be such a vital personage that he is mentioned when he appears upon the street. He walked down Broadway, New York, Tuesday. We might as well help disseminate the news.

A San Francisco young man winked at some passing girls and a police judge sent him up for thirty days. The stern morality of San Francisco police judges is something that shines on occasion.

A Russian prince is on his way here to buy leather. The chief item of news concerning him is that he wears a wrist watch. A leather buyer in a wrist watch is unusually equipped, indeed.

San Francisco's mayor is to chop a lot of heads from the shoulders of municipal employees who failed to qualify by supporting him in the last election. It is a bad omission—not voting for a mayor who has that idea of things.

The correspondent who wired the story of the President and his bride being caught in a rainstorm overlooked a human interest point that must have been there when she said: "Now, Woodrow, didn't I tell you to bring an umbrella?"

General Coxey, who led the "army" upon Washington twenty-two years ago, has since become rich and is going to try for a senatorship in Ohio. His platform will be a demand that the government issue a billion in legal tender currency. That doesn't seem to be entirely germane.

ORIGINAL.

He was an original man. He neither ate nor drank, walked nor talked, slept nor waked like other men.

Snow fell in Oakland. The original man saw in nature's freak a kindred original spirit. He smiled originally; raised his head, and, unusually, accosted his friends in an entirely new manner.

"We've never had weather like this before," remarked the original man.

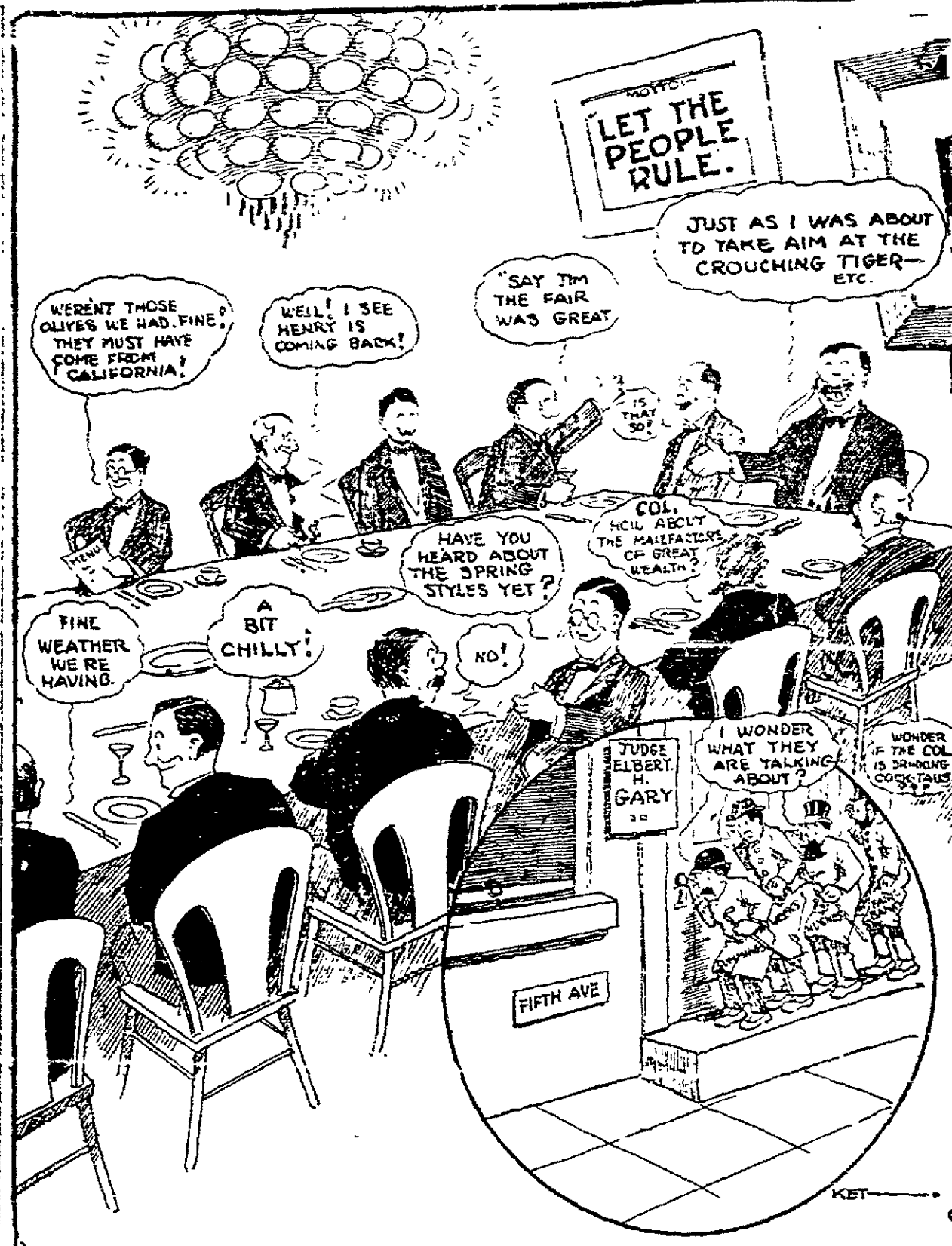
TAXING TOOTH PASTE.

Is tooth paste a luxury? Are those countless individuals in this fair land who scrub their molars faithfully morning, noon and night mere victims of advertising habits, or are they, as the advertisements and dentists aver, conscientious advocates of preparedness, guarding their systems from invasion by enemies (as one of the chief danger points)? Congress will soon have to answer. At present tooth paste is a luxury, taxed as such for the last year, along with perfumes, talcum powders, and many other adjuncts of the dressing room and the toilet table, under the special war revenue raiser. And tooth paste will remain, officially, a luxury if that tax be continued, as is now proposed.—New York Tribune.

SIZE VS. SKILL.

Harvard's strongest man, George A. Percy of Arlington, Mass., whose official strength test is given as 1462 lb., weighs only 161 pounds and is 5 feet 4 inches in height. Tom Sawyer and Fitzsimmons were middle-weight or very light heavyweights. Edward Hanlon, the peerless pugilist, was not a big man. Sporting and athletic records contain many names of champions who were strong, fleet and skillful without being big men.—New York Sun.

THAT GARY DINNER--



NEWS ITEM—The Most Commonplace Subjects Were Discussed.

HENRY FORD AS SEEN AT HOME

Out of all the various and varied-tempered comment concerning the man, the appreciation by Mr. H. M. Nimmo in the "Saturday Night," published in Detroit, of Mr. Henry Ford, manufacturer and former leader of a peace argosy, stands with conspicuous brightness and sympathy. Collier's calls it the "Last Word" or Ford. It follows:

"It is, we believe, a fair estimate of the man to say that he is a mechanical genius of a sweet and lovable disposition with almost boundless ignorance on almost every subject of human knowledge outside of his mechanical specialties. He never had the advantage of an adequate education at school or college, and he has succeeded in reaching middle life with far less of the fruits of self-education than many men of the same age with less opportunities. He has read less than the average schoolboy. He would never win a prize in spelling, and what he says so frequently and so verbosely in the newspapers of late months is what others say for him, and write for him, and in large measure think for him.

"We do not think that Henry Ford is thinking of the money he will make through using his peace expedition to advertise the name of the automobile he makes. Nor are we at all sure that he is not thinking a good deal of his personal aggrandizement in his curious venture. There are men for whom publicity is the crown of life. It is their substitute for enduring fame, pleasing as a glass diamond to the man who cannot get the real thing. Chauncey Depew avers that Brother Ford is engaged in 'a struggle for the front page.' Quite possibly. And yet a year ago we would not have said that. His generosity with his employees, his hospital and charity donations, his interest in his city, all stamped him as a man of philanthropic motives. For all we know his motives in this peace expedition may be entirely philanthropic. But there has been an extraordinary change in Henry Ford in the past year—from the man, be it noted, that President Wilson went for him to interpret the state of the country. Mr. Ford, we understand, rather added to not subtracted from the sum of the President's knowledge, but he came home a changed man. Before that fateful day he was always modest; in expressing an opinion about times he did not know or understand, thus conserving a large portion of his leisure hours for other things, but since then he seems to have been talking with increasing velocity and variety."

THE JESTER.

Bread Lines.

"Your wife's dinner parties are always beautiful affairs."

"Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox. "At first people didn't seem to want to come to 'em, but I guess maybe the high cost of living is making a difference."—Washington Star.

No Spoils to Share.

An old negro was charged with chicken stealing, and the judge said:

"Where's your lawyer, uncle?"

"Ain't got none, judge."

"But you ought to have one," returned the court. "I'll assign one to defend you."

"Yes, sah, no, sah, please don't do dat," begged the defendant.

"Why not?" persisted the judge. "I won't cost you anything. Why don't you want a lawyer?"

"Well, Ah'll tell yo', judge," said the old man confidentially. "Ah wants ter enjy dem chickens mahself."—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Just Complaint.

Stout, Red-Faced Lady—Do you mean to say you won't give me my money back for this book just because I have read it? You know you've advertised that it is your aim to have only satisfied customers.

"Yes, madam, but what is the matter? Is the print imperfect, or anything like that?"

"No."

"Then why are you not satisfied with the novel?"

"Well, I don't like the way it ends."—Harpers' Weekly.

That's Why They Are There.

Judge—The visitors were being escorted through the insane asylum.

"You seem to be very popular with your patients," remarked one of the sightseers.

"Yes," replied the superintendent, "all the inmates are just crazy about me."—N. Y. Herald.

The Sick Man.

A sick man expressed a desire for some apple omelettes, and the wife made a dozen. A little son set up the bedside, watching the dumplings disappear one by one. After eleven had been devoured the boy said:

"Pa, can I have a dumpling?"

And the invalid, turning into the last of the toothsome delicacies, said:

"Go away, my son, don't worry your father, he is ill."—Tit-Bits.

PERSONALITIES.

Dr. Allan Sankey, New York city's publisher and son of the evangelist, who was married December 20, died suddenly at sea yesterday while on his honeymoon.

A dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, to the Central News says: "Emperor William, who is suffering from a suppurating phlegmon in the neck, has been given some relief, his doctors having resorted to 'singing.'"

Henry E. Huntington has just bought the library of Frederick R. Halsey of 23 West Fifty-third street, one of the best private collections of rare books in America, valued at over \$1,000,000.

MUSIC AS A PRODUCT.

Germany are so great in music simply because for centuries their poets, constitution and their social habits have provided an innumerable opportunities for musical ability to reveal itself. In France, on the other hand, everything centered in Paris, while in Paris the license of the Armistice Royale made everything center in the opera; there, consequently, have been careers possible to a musician except as an operatic writer for a public, and the public, Wagner and Strauss are the products of a social system that, by vastly increasing the area of selection, has made it less likely that in any other country that musical genius will be diverted into any other than its proper channel.

The moral is the one I have already stressed on here—that the only way to call out the best musical genius that has in our race is to encourage music, to provide careers for musical men, to provide the social conditions of the nineteenth century would have had no more chance of developing into a dramatic composer than Napoleon would have had of becoming a military leader in a country of Quakers; each of them would probably have taken to his heels, and been lost to the art for which he was by nature most fitted.—London Nation.

AN OVERSIGHT.

We had intended giving President Wilson a handsome suit of great value but had to forgo the idea, being as how we did not get an acknowledgment.—Richmond Virginian.

A BARGAIN.

And now the New Years here again. I'll do this much for you. Sugar off the things I never did. And don't intend to do.

THE FORUM

The Editor of The Tribune declines responsibility for opinions and statements expressed in this column. Brief contributions on current topics of general interest are welcome. I will not act as a rule be printed unless accompanied by the name of the writer, which, desired, will be withheld from publication.

KEEP UP WITH HUSBAND.

In the accounts of the Spring case the appears in this sentence in the statement Mrs. Genevieve Baker: "If marriages are to be made permanent women must keep up in the race with their husbands." This is an important declaration of "policy" but it omits the details. I beg to submit the following suggestions:

There is a leader for you, wife, who your husband sets the pace. Don't be looser, but run him just as swift race. If you're going to keep abreast married game, show him you can outstep when he seeks another dame. Do your state or stagnant when he shows burst of speed, but fill the tank with gas line and let him watch you take the lead. Pull his leg for all he "dough" within till, for if you don't the other chick surely will. When he and "girlie" the great White Way, beat him to it. Your companion gals; show him you shine with furs and sparklers bright make his "chicken" in his "chicken" like one o'clock at night. And when dances on the table where the wine flowing red, just sneak right up behind him and kick the lid right off his head. Don't neglect your married education while he roils along, but keep on roll just like him while you sing your s. And, mae, when he finds that you surpass the times, he'll fall to hear tinkle of his siren's chimes, and a and honor will find a place within dizzey dame. Then he'll kick himself about "God Bless Our Home."

—NEUTRA

Oakland, December 30, 1915.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TOD

The Ladies of Appomattox Relief have an enjoyable social last night Synagogue Hall.

John W. Gentry and J. Jacob of land and Fruitvale respectively, have granted a patent on an elevator. Pride of Forest Circle No. 122.

P. G. gave a pleasing entertainment at the Fortin Castle, corner Tw and Franklin streets.

Dr. H. Dunn of this city is organizing a hospital corps to be composed of members of Companies A, F and G, Infantry, N. G. C., located in this and Alameda.

The sanitary inspectors have been busy during the past month. Beside checking the swimming places of all children in charge of construction and repairs we had been laid, they made 121 inspections of premises and 120 were supposed to exist.

TO "THINKING PEOPLE."

A thinking man had a thought. He said it down to write. He placed it in a diary. Then in black and white. Then he how he came.

He always was a wise. "The thinking people of the world agree with me in this."

Who are the "Thinking People?" Who are the "Well Informed?" A dream some of an unseen crew Who would be colorforned.

They say, my friend, they do, the And the means always "I" And the learned and you a man.

A measure of brains is high. Some of "P" and less of "they." A habit to stand alone. Who's that? I thought the worst. The less the thinker's word.

ARRESTED AS
DEFAULTER;
SLAYS SELFPowder Expert Admits
\$6000 Shortage to
DetectivesTelegram Confessing to
Brother Is Farewell
Word

Apprehended as he was leaving Vancouver, and charged with a shortage of \$6000, Dr. Forrest Avers, general superintendent of the Great Powder Company, operating the plant at Giant and on the Clipper Gap, confessed to detectives and took his own life last night.

News of the tragedy was received this morning by his brother, J. E. Avers, of 471 Fifty-ninth street, this city. Before killing himself, Avers wrote a letter to his wife, bidding her good-by, and also signed a statement admitting the shortage. The last word he wrote before his death was a telegram to his brother in Oakland, stating his shortage. A few moments later the Oakland man received a message that Avers had shot himself and was dying in a Vancouver hospital. Last night came news of his death.

EXPERT IN HIS CALLING.

According to the details of the suicide, Avers, who was one of the best known powder experts in the coast, was placed under restraint following a reorganization of the Vancouver offices, when the shortage was found. He was apprehended as he was leaving ostensibly for Victoria, and induced to accompany private detectives to a Vancouver detective agency where he was questioned. He admitted the shortage, according to the detectives, and signed a statement of his willingness to be under restraint.

He was left in a room in the agency with L. T. Thompson, former Aberdeen chief of police, to guard the door. As soon as alone Avers wrote his letters and then shot himself through the head.

NO DOUBT OF IDENTITY.

Avers was well known in Oakland, where he lived for some time and where his brother, J. E. Avers, has been in the plumbing business for the last twenty years.

"I know no details of my brother's shortage or suicide," said J. E. Avers this morning. "I got the message, and there can be no doubt that the man referred to as my brother. I am waiting now for further particulars."

Avers had been in the powder business for some years, here and in the East. He has at various times been stationed at the Clipper Gap plant, the Telegraph and Nanosie Bay plants, and at the factory at Giant, Contra Costa county.

12 Electric Lights
Stolen by Imposter

The police are seeking a man representing himself to be an electrical inspector, and who yesterday stole a dozen electric incandescent bulbs from the lodging house conducted by Mrs. Alice Patterson, 327 Thirteenth street. The man called on Mrs. Patterson yesterday and told her that the electrical department was testing the electric light bulbs as to whether they were the candle power represented by the seller. He took the bulbs away. Mrs. Patterson waited till it was dark, but the bulbs were not returned, and she notified the police.

Earthquake Recorded;
Shakes 15 Minutes

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—An earthquake shock lasting fifteen minutes was recorded at 6:30 o'clock this morning on the seismograph of St. Louis University. The direction apparently was southeast by south and the distance was approximately 1700 miles from St. Louis.

For four days the seismograph has been restless.

Edgar L. Ormsby
Inaugurates a General
Clearance Sale

Ladies' and Misses' Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Furs, Silk Petticoats at way down tremendously reduced prices.

To Mr. Ormsby's former customers and friends charge account privileges extended if desired. (No installment plan.)

Gould-Sullivan Co.
882 MARKET STREET
Berkeley and Ellis
San Francisco

Breuners Annual
Pre-Inventory Sale.

Commences Monday Morning
20% to 50% Reductions
Furniture, Floor Coverings, etc.

PUPILS WAIT ALL NIGHT AT SCHOOL
MANY ENDURE FROST FOR 'CHANCE'

MISS EDNA FORBES, WHO BRAVED COLD AND DARKNESS, WAITING ALL NIGHT BEFORE THE BARRED DOOR, TO REGISTER AT THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Technical High List
Open Only to
1700Banker Waits in Frost
Serves His Injured Son

James Tyson, president of the Sunset Lumber Company, was one of those who stood in line at the Technical High School in the cold morning hours, that his son, Lawrence,

13 years of age, might be among those to get their names on the school register.

The boy, his leg injured in a fall from his bicycle yesterday, was unable to stand, so his millionaire father held him on his shoulder, waiting patiently in line until the boy's name had been entered.

Tyson brought his son to the school from his home at 9 Sea View avenue, Piedmont, at 5:30 o'clock this morning. The two took the automobile robes from the machine as they stepped out, and they wrapped themselves in the heavy blankets as a protection against the cold.

Shivering in the cold air of early morning, and standing in line in the darkness before the closed door of the school, prospective students in the Technical high school after an all-night vigil, this morning registered as pupils.

At 5:30 o'clock fully fifty students were in the "waiting line," which lengthened every minute. At 2:30 o'clock there were thirteen applicants in line. Twelve had stayed in their places all night.

The waiting line was composed mostly of girls. The first of these was Miss Edna Forbes, 5516 Marilla avenue, who waited through the night to be one of the first registered students in the school. Several of the students were badly frostbitten during the night. Parents in some cases arranged to bring hot lunchboxes and other comforts. Several had blankets to protect them from the cold.

DECISION IS CASE.

The question of "bread line" was the result of the decision of the Board of Education that a "first come, first served" policy should be adopted in the schools. Instead of deciding that pupils must attend the high school in their districts, the board will permit pupils from any part of the city to attend any school until the classes are filled, when no more entrants will be admitted. The Technical high school will receive 1700 pupils, and three times that number are standing for admission.

Registration began this morning at 9 o'clock, with a long line of tired, cold and hungry applicants waiting to have their names placed on the school register. Every minute the line grew, and at a time, even though the students were being registered as fast as possible by Principal P. M. Fisher and his forces, the line kept getting longer.

The Technical high school was overcrowded last year, and it was first suggested that only pupils of the neighborhood should be admitted this year. The proposition was voted down by the Board of Education and the "first come, first served" policy, with a limited attendance, was promulgated.

WHAT IS DOING TODAY

Oakland celebrates New Year's eve. Oakland Young People's Societies' night at the Y. M. C. A. Entrance examinations to Technical High School begin. Chorus Choir of the Calvary Congregational Church to render New Year's Eve service. Alameda Aeris of Eagles to hold all-night masquerade ball.

What Is Doing Tomorrow

New Year's Day open house at Y. M. C. A. Berkeley Y. M. C. A. to hold entertainment.

Lachman Estate Put
at \$317,000 in Court

The estate of the late Henry Lachman of Mission San Jose has been appraised at \$317,000, according to papers filed with the county clerk today. Lachman had large holdings in the California Wine Association and was one of the Alameda county exposition commissioners. He died last spring after a short illness.

Kaiser's Sickness Is
Boil; Not Serious

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin, says the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, gives confirmation from an authoritative source of the report that Emperor William is suffering from a boil. The emperor is not confined to bed. His affection is described as harmless.

CHRISTMAS TREE BURNS.

A Christmas tree, relighted for the children of M. Lundquist, 562 Chester street, caught fire last night and caused a small panic in the home. The children screamed and ran out of the room. The fire department was summoned and put out the blaze, which was confined to the Christmas tree and trinkets and the window curtains. No appreciable damage was done to the house.

WATER PIPES
FREEZE ON
COLDEST EVEMilk Bottles Stick to the
Steps, Puddles Turn
to Ice'Twas Bitter Chill, But
End Is Now in
Sight

Many a face in Oakland this morning went unsmiled until frozen water pipes were thawed and many a householder on the way to the shed for wood or coal slipped on a surface of new made ice. It was the coldest night in many winters and one that saw as low as 24 degrees registered at a number of points.

When water pipes in the more exposed places this morning refused to yield their accustomed supply the telephones at the company started jangling and excited voices were heard as a result of the New Year's drought. Later, when what was yesterday a puddle in the back yard was discovered to be a skating rink, it was not long before the frozen pipes were thawed and the water started flowing again. The cold snap, according to the weather bureau, is not thought clear skies and enough of a lull to keep the holiday crowd stirring will be evident. Tomorrow it is to rain. Weather observers, ranging from the one employed by Uncle Sam to the old reliable milkman, report temperatures as far as 8 degrees below freezing. At Hayward 24 degrees was recorded and at San Francisco the temperature dropped to 22, one seldom experienced in those sections.

SOUTH BEACH NIGHT.

In the Sacramento valley conditions were about the same as yesterday. In the Santa Clara and San Joaquin valleys the temperature dropped to 21, one seldom experienced in those sections.

Unusual preparations are being made in Southern California to combat the cold tonight, when the lowest point of the spell is expected to be reached. Orange groves and citrus in the citrus fruit region which were given white washes by the remarkable snowfall of yesterday, glistered under a bright sun today. Temperatures below the freezing point were reported from some localities, but owing to the moist conditions resulting from the storm no damage was done to the orange crops now being gathered.

The weather bureau forecasts even colder temperatures tonight and warnings were issued to orchardists to stand by to protect their crops.

The temperature at Stockton is a little higher than yesterday, though it is quite cold. There was a heavy frost this morning. It is cloudy and rain is probable within the next twenty-four hours.

PONDS FROZEN OVER.

HAYWARD, Dec. 31.—The temperature here dropped six degrees during the night registering 24 degrees this morning. Experiencing the full effects of the cold wave the countryside was draped in a soft mantle of frost. Many water pipes in town were put out of action by the water freezing.

COLD IN WYOMING.

With a temperature of 24 degrees below zero, Lander, Wyo., was the coldest spot in the country today. Temperatures were in the 20s and 30s below zero in the interior of New York, over the Northwest and west of the Rocky mountains.

Higher temperatures were recorded in the Eastern Washington and Northern California today, but Southern Idaho reported colder weather. Temperatures continue 10 to 20 degrees below normal in the Plateau and Rocky Mountain region, according to reports of the government.

The coldest day of the season was recorded at Fresno this morning, when the ground temperature was 24 degrees, which is only 1 degree of equalizing the lowest record of Fresno, which was 21. Fog and orchard smudging prevented any serious damage to the orange crop, it is believed. The low temperatures were followed by increasing high clouds and warmer weather.

The majestic Opera House at Flagstaff, Ariz., collapsed today under the weight of snow which had fallen steadily for the past two days, and which caused the building to sink into the ground. The snow fall measured 32 inches on the level at the end of 48 hours. Weather forecasts predict a continuation of the storm for another 24 hours.

HEARING DEMANDED
BY ACCUSED MEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Former Representative H. Robert Fowler, Henry B. Martin and Herman Schultz, identified with labor's National Peace Council and indicted in New York under the Sherman anti-trust law for conspiracy to restrain trade in munitions, demanded a preliminary hearing today when they appeared before United States Commissioner Taylor to await formal return of the indictment. Hearing was set for January 20.

Representative Frank Buchanan of Illinois, indicted on the same charge, sent word to the Department of Justice today that he would waive all question of immunity, go to New York as quickly as possible, probably within a week, furnish bail and adopt no dilatory tactics.

The demand for a hearing came as a surprise to the government. Assistant United States District Attorney Archer announced he had understood the defendants intended to give bond for their appearance in the Department of Justice today, but that such an indictment should come under the Sherman law, or any other law, and that he intended to ask the commissioner to determine whether there had been a bona-fide intent on the part of the government to charge a crime against the United States.

"The Sherman law was aimed at the suppression of competition among traders, while the men named in the indictment are in no way competitors with the men with whose trade, it is charged, they were conspiring to interfere," Mr. Dotis said.

Bond of \$5000 for appearing here on January 20 was required of each of the defendants.

4000 Sacks of
Beans Burned
Wharf Fire Loss Over
\$100,000

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Fire which burned a portion of the Pacific Railway Company wharf at San Luis Obispo destroyed 4000 sacks of beans and caused a loss of \$100,000 last night, according to a message received here today by officials of the Union Oil Company.

The fire started about 10 o'clock. A section of wharf 550 feet long was burned. Oil company pipe lines damaged by the flames, as well as the destroyed section of the wharf, will be rebuilt.

NEW YEAR'S TO BE
SUNG IN CHURCHES

Special Services Planned for
Holiday and Sun-
day.

Special New Year services will be held in many east bay Catholic churches tomorrow and on Sunday in most of the Protestant houses of worship the season will be commemorated with special sermons and with a repetition of the Christmas hymns. Tonight at St. Mary's church, Eighth and Jefferson streets, the passing of the old year will be observed with devotions at 8 o'clock. Music by the St. Mary's Choral Society, a sermon by Father E. P. Dempsey on "The Passing Year," benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the singing of a "Te Deum" will be part of the ceremonies. Tomorrow at St. Mary's there will be six masses, celebrated at the same hours as on Sunday, as New Year's Day is a holiday of obligation in the Catholic calendar. At 11 o'clock high mass with music by the Oakland Conservatory of Music choir will be solemnized, the other mass hours being 6:30, 8, 9, 10, and 12:15 o'clock respectively.

At St. Patrick's Catholic Church in West Oakland New Year's day will be observed with hourly masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, with a solemn high mass at 10:30 a. m., at which Rev. E. Maher will act as celebrant. Rev. T. Tolahan as deacon and Rev. M. Barry as sub-deacon. Father Barry will preach the sermon and special singing will be offered by an augmented choir composed of Mrs. J. Teague, Mrs. H. Wales, Miss Agnes Carter, Miss Catherine Mullen, Miss Katherine Weld, Miss Helen Kenney, Miss Delphine Kenney, Miss Ruth Murray and Miss Anna May. Miss Pauline May will preside at the organ.

At St. Paul's Episcopal church next Sunday, there will be a morning New Year service with Christmas hymns sung by the choir, directed by E. Randall and Rev. Alexander Allen, the rector, will deliver a sermon on "Thoughts for the New Year Suggested by the Feast of the Circumcision."

Some of the Christmas music sung last Sunday at the First Congregational choir at the church, Fourteenth and Clay streets, will be repeated at the morning and evening services there next Sunday, and Dr. Francis J. Van Horn will deliver sermons appropriate to the dawn of the new year. Likewise at Plymouth Congregational a special service will be held. At the latter, Rev. Albert Palmer will speak in the morning on "Build on Resolve" and in the evening on "Shall We Expect the Second Coming of Christ in 1917?"

At the First Presbyterian church, Twenty-sixth and Broadway, Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed will speak next Sunday on "Our Mastery of the Years" as a New Year sermon.

One of the most elaborate musical programs will be an event of this evening at Calvary Congregational church, Thirty-sixth and Grove streets, where the chorus choir will render Dudley Buck's New Year's eve service, "The Song of the Night," with John McEwing as director and Mrs. F. H. Maar as organist. This musical program will open at 8:30 p. m.

Plans completed last night by the Merchants' Exchange have arranged for an open house tonight at the headquarters of the Department of Justice today, a committee composed of T. A. Dorgan, Pasqual Kisich, E. L. Vander Naillen and others.

EVERYBODY
BUT GROOM
AT WEDDINGBride Frets and Worries
While Guests Form
PosseHazel Dollar Is Blamed
for Keeping Mariner
Away

While his bride, Miss Violet May Decroft, waited on the verge of tears, and wedding guests fumed and fretted, William D. Schut, first officer on the Hazel Dollar, at the hour set for his wedding, instead of meekly repeating "I will" and "I do," was shouting stenographic orders to his men. Relatives sent to investigate discovered Schut on board his ship directing docking operations.

When duty calls even Cupid has to wait. Schut found when his wedding hour in Miss Decroft arrived yesterday at noon, after many postponements due to his inability to leave his ship, that he was again unable to go.

The couple had planned that the ceremony take place Wednesday evening at the home of Captain J. C. Eagles, 2421 Thirteenth avenue. The Hazel Dollar was due to arrive in port that afternoon and arrangements were completed for the marriage to take place in the evening as soon as Schut could get ashore.

When the vessel docked, however, the bridegroom found that his duties prevented him from going ashore that night. When everything was ready for the wedding he notified the wedding party he could not be present.

The couple were married at the home of Captain Eagles yesterday by Rev. John M. Jackson of the Eighth Avenue Methodist Episcopal church. They were attended by Miss Grace Eagles and J. R. Kerrigan, an Alaskan, and now a resident of San Francisco.

Schut and his bride met in their home city of Sydney, Australia. Miss Decroft later came to California, where their acquaintance was renewed when Schut came here with his ship.

Operation Saves Man
With Broken Neck

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 31.—After lying since last July with a broken neck, received in a high dive, Dan Stockton, principal of the Standard school near this city underwent an operation today to relieve pressure resulting from an unhealed vertebrae. Since his injury he had been paralyzed partially in his legs and arms and Mrs. Mitchell, Kellough and Scott, local surgeons, performed an operation of hopes of restoring the young teacher to health. The patient underwent the operation successfully and hopes are entertained for his recovery within a period of six months.

Soldier's Body Found
Hanging From Tree

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Dec. 31.—The body of Private A. J. Johnson of Company "C," Twenty-sixth Infantry, whose home is understood to have been in Akron, Ohio, was found hanging to a tree three miles south of Kingsville last night. Johnson had been stationed at Kingsville since the bandit raids in the Texas border country.

TALK ABOUT BURGARS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—When G. Giovannini, saloonkeeper of 529 Broadway, locked a door leading to the basement last night he foiled for a time the plan of a robber. When A. Mahali, the porter, opened the place this morning he was confronted by a burglar, who had been imprisoned all night and who similarly locked him up. The burglar took \$15 from the cash register and escaped.

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PROPER EXCHANGES IN DAY FOR WOUNDED

France Has 500,000 Military and Auxiliary Hospitals.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—There are 500,000 military and auxiliary hospitals in France, and the cost of their maintenance is estimated at 1,000,000,000 francs. The cost of the hospitals is borne by the French government, and the cost of the medical supplies is borne by the French people. The French government has a large stock of medical supplies, and the French people are very generous in their contributions to the hospitals.

Women War Workers Better Men's Records

The London Times, in its engineering department, states facts which have little significance for Americans. It asserts that "Women workers, indeed, put to tasks formerly exclusively performed by men and untrammelled by trade union regulations, have frequently made a higher output than men engaged on the same job." It points out that there has been a great deal of work done by women in the engineering department, and that they have been able to keep up with the men.

Amos Keith Estate Is Left to Nephews

REDFORD, Dec. 31.—The will of Amos W. Keith, eccentric character of Redford, and brother and principal legatee of the late John M. Keith, wealthy oil man of San Francisco, was filed for probate here this afternoon.

Three nephews will divide the estate, estimated at more than \$75,000. The nephews are Luke W. Davis and John P. Keith of Redford, and John A. Stephens of Carlsville, Ga.

The estate of Amos Keith, who died in a small shed in the rear of a residence lot in Redford, is being administered by his nephew, John A. Stephens, who is now in San Francisco.

For Salt Lake City and Feather Canyon Points. The Pacific Express. 8:58 P.M.

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MODERN SOLDIERS IN ANCIENT SETTING

Italian Army March and Camp in Ruins of Caesar's Palace.

ROME, Dec. 31.—It is strange and suggestive to see the Italian army marching through the ruins of Caesar's Palace. The soldiers are dressed in modern uniforms, but they are marching in the same formation as the legions of the past.

These modern soldiers marched smartly and paid no attention to the venerable monuments of military glory around them. It was merely one of many of the things that the Italian army does when it is in the city of Rome.

A favorite place of resort for the officers and soldiers is the Piazza Venezia. The column looks like a giant, and the soldiers are very fond of it.

Crossing the Tiber one sees soldiers on guard along the upper walls of the city. The soldiers are very well trained, and they are very brave.

Church Societies to Be Guests of Y. M. C. A.

The Young Peoples societies of the churches of Alameda county will hold a watch night service tonight at the Oakland Young Men's Christian Association.

Service Exams Are Soon to Be Given

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that the examinations listed below will be held in San Francisco at an early date.

PRISONER PROVES LEPER

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A case of leprosy was discovered in the county jail yesterday, the victim being R. V. Mitchell, alias George O. Hartman, accused of larceny. Mitchell has a wife and 14-year-old son. He said he believed he contracted the disease while a soldier in the Philippines in 1909-1910.

RUGS AT FACTORY PRICES

1000 New York Rug Co. 955 Market St. between Fifth and Sixth Sts. San Francisco. Advertisement.

Buffalo Pastor Here To Start Church of Universalist Faith



REV. B. C. RUGGLES.

Rev. Bernard C. Ruggles of Buffalo, N. Y., a leading minister of the Universalist denomination, is here to establish a church in this city.

Dr. Ruggles comes to Oakland to make it his permanent home, after successful pastorates in the leading churches of the denomination in Buffalo, N. Y., Denver, Colo., and Minneapolis, Minn. He is well known and loved throughout the middle west and the east by his work on the Chautauque platform.

Youth in Trenches Would Return Home

Three experiences with the war in Europe are sufficient, and Albert Earl Bain, Albany youth, who joined the Canadian troops, wants to come home. Documents showing that he is under age and an American citizen, have been sent to England.

Buys Own Goods Back 3 Times From Thief

SAN JOSE, Dec. 31.—Ellis Levin, a wholesale dealer in junk, bought back from thieves on three successive days the things they had stolen from his place of business on the preceding nights.

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HOME CLUB GIVES ANNUAL DINNER

Four Hundred Members Gather to Enjoy Midwinter Reunion.

The Home Club of Oakland gave a very successful annual dinner last night at the Hotel Oakland. Four hundred members gathered to enjoy the midwinter reunion.

Compromise May Close Conscription Dispute

LONDON, Dec. 31.—There is still possibility of a compromise which would close the conscription dispute in this country.

Swedish Society to Hold Annual Fete

Members of the Swedish Society of Oakland will hold their annual fete and ball at the Hotel Oakland.

Gold May Be Forced Out of Hoarding Places

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the Reichsbank central committee today, Rudolf Havenstein, president of the bank, discussed the most recent measure to increase the gold stock of the nation.

"China Jim," Wealthy Celestial, Passes Away

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 31.—James Bufunda, known as "China Jim," and said to be the wealthiest Chinaman in the Middle West, died here last night.

7000 Prisoners of Russia Die of Typhus

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Poor sanitation in Siberian prison camps has caused numerous deaths in Novorossisk, 7000 prisoners dying of typhus, according to an item given out today by the Overseas News Agency.

Suspect Arrested in San Jose Robbery

SAN JOSE, Dec. 31.—Less than half an hour after a street car of the San Jose road had left the city, a passenger was robbed of a large sum of money.

Corbett and Wife Hurt When Auto Hits Pole

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Turning his automobile into a lancepot to avoid crashing into a heavy truck, James J. Corbett, former champion heavy-weight pugilist, and his wife were injured.

Mrs. Vanderbilt Loses \$10,000 Pearl on Links

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 31.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt snarled honors with President Wilson and his bride in furnishing excitement for the visitors here today by losing a pearl earring valued at \$10,000 on the golf links.

LEADS TO SAFETY: HURT

TULARE, Dec. 31.—W. W. Collins of Visalia, probation officer and ex-sheriff of Tulare county, jumped from an automobile driven by Dave Douglas when he thought it was going to be struck by a passenger train just south of Tulare yesterday afternoon, and his right foot and leg were mangled.

Poker Hands for Auto Members

Gambling Spirit Runs High in Motordom

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 31.—Poker hands are all the rage this season in auto motordom. The gambling spirit runs high in the motordom, and the demand for good poker hands is high.

Paroled Man Reports to Judge From War Zone

SALT LAKE, Ore., Dec. 31.—Although he had traveled to nearly every part of the world since his parole a year ago by Circuit Judge John Schulz, convicted of attacking George Brown, a Newburg farmer, has faithfully reported his whereabouts each month.

Denmark Closes Route of Trade to Germany

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31.—The Social Democrat party, that the United States Steamship Company, the largest Scandinavian shipping concern, has issued instructions to all its branch offices not to send goods to Germany which are not produced in Denmark.

School Frat Members Will Face Expulsion

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Any pupil retaining membership in a sorority or fraternity will be expelled. The Board of Education yesterday passed a resolution to this effect and provided for the printing of cards to be signed by pupils of the public schools and guardians pledging themselves against these societies.

Alertness of Trainmen Foils Wreckers' Trick

The Western Pacific train that left Oakland last night at 8:55 o'clock, was nearly wrecked as it pulled into the yards at Stockton three hours later. A rail had been laid across the track and it was only the alertness of the trainmen that saved the train from going into a ditch.

Southern Pacific Ferry and Train Service New Year's Eve

From Oakland Pier, there will be regular 20 minute service all evening. Last boat leaving San Francisco Ferry Station 1:20 a. m. Jan. 1st, connecting with electric trains for all stations in Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley.

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SCIENTISTS MEET IN BIG SESSIONS

Law and Sociological Bodies Gather With Other Delegates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The annual meeting of the American Sociological Association and the American Law Association, which are held jointly, is in session here.

WORLD POINT OF VIEW

The object of the conference is to take preliminary steps toward the formation of a world point of view. The conference is held in Washington, D. C.

WORK IS STARTED

At the meeting of the American Institute of International Law the first annual work of the new organization was taken up. Plans for its future activities were discussed.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BURNS

BRISTOL, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Sullivan College, a large Methodist female school here, was destroyed by fire, which originated in the bottom room early today. The loss is placed at about \$250,000 to \$300,000.

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Sommerville Killed as Burglar

Shot and Killed While Trying to Steal Jewelry

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—A man named Sommerville was shot and killed while trying to steal jewelry from a store in Seattle.

Gunn Goes Gunning for School Dances

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 31.—A man named Gunn was shot and killed while trying to steal jewelry from a store in Sacramento.

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